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Lebanon frontier tension increases

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel's northern border was in turmoil again last week.

Israel massed troops on the Lebanese frontier and launched two air raids against Palestinian guerrillas in response to a series of attacks.

In recent weeks, the Galilee has been hit by rockets, causing no loss of life but some property damage. And in the security zone adjacent the border, Israeli troops and members of the pro-Israel South Lebanon Army (SLA) have come under fire.

Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon in June of 1985, leaving a residual force of about 1,000 men in the security zone.

Since then, Lebanese Shiite militias — the Party of God and Amal — assisted by Palestinian bands have attacked the Israeli presence in that sector, as well as troops from the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), and lobbed rockets into Israel itself.

The Shiites, particularly the pro-Iranian Party of God, have said they will continue their military pressure on Israel, the SLA and UNIFIL until the security zone is dissolved and the UN force is disbanded.

Recently, Sheik Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, the spiritual leader of the Party of God, declared that the Shiite offensive was meant "to destroy the theory behind the establishment of Israel's security zone."

The UN secretary-general, Javier Perez de Cuellar, has blamed Israel for the "major crisis" facing UNIFIL.

In their quest to achieve their goal, the Shiites have turned the screws still tighter. By last week, they had murdered 75 members of the SLA — which is trained and financed by Israel — and four French UNIFIL troops. And in an artillery attack, they wounded three Israeli soldiers.

Israel massed soldiers on the border and, according to one report, sent a number of them into the security zone. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the purpose of the move was "to crush" attempts by the Shiites to push the SLA out of southern Lebanon. He said Israel had no intention of keeping its troops there on a "permanent basis."

To press home the point further, the Israeli Air Force raided Palestinian camps in Lebanon for the 11th time this year. The camps, near Sidon and Beirut, are manned by the Palestine Liberation Army, the PLO's military arm, the Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the anti-Arafat Abu Mussa faction.

At the United Nations, the Security Council, by a margin of 14-0, called on Israel to withdraw completely from Lebanon and permit UNIFIL to patrol the security zone. (The U.S. abstained, describing the resolution as flawed. In the days to follow, Washington said the tension could not be resolved by extending UNIFIL's mandate.)

Israel rejected the resolution, saying it would make matters worse. Israel's ambassador, Benjamin Netanyahu, said the Lebanese government lacks the means to control the situation in southern Lebanon. Foreign Minister

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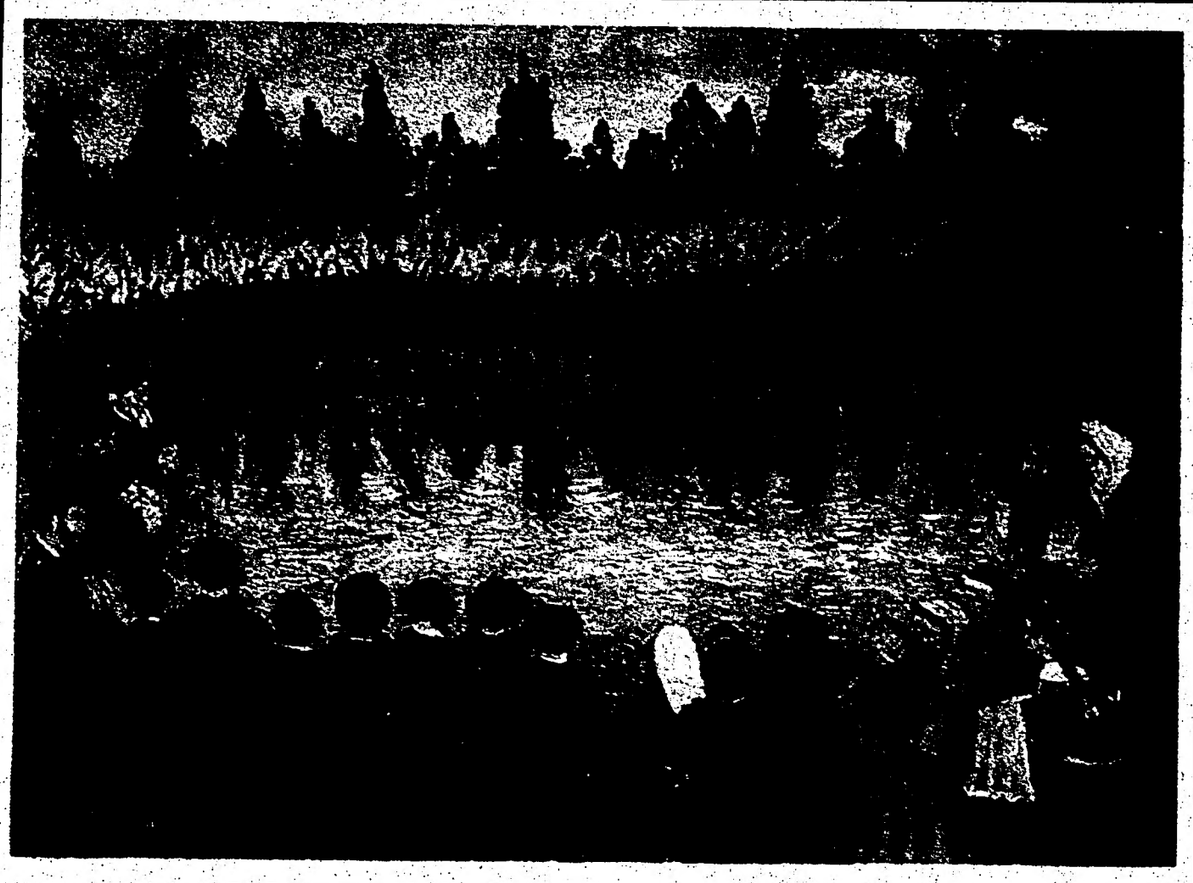

ROSH HASHANAH TRADITION

American folk artist Ray Faust, specializing in Jewish genre scenes, painted this Central European Tashlich ceremony which is traditional on the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

Court in Israel indicts Demjanjuk

JERUSALEM (UPI) —

An Israeli court has indicted retired autoworker John Demjanjuk on war crimes charges that he gassed thousands of Jews as a Nazi death camp guard called "Ivan the Terrible."

Demjanjuk, 66, was not present for the indictment in Jerusalem District Court.

The indictment came almost seven months to the day after the United States extradited Demjanjuk to Israel to face charges that he was responsible for sending thousands of Jews to their deaths in the Treblinka concentration camp.

If convicted, Demjanjuk could face the death penalty.

The 24-page indictment charged Demjanjuk with war crimes, crimes against humanity, crimes against Jews and crimes against a persecuted people.

The only person executed for such crimes — which are covered under a 1950 Israeli law pertaining to Nazi crimes against Jews in the World War II era — was Adolf Eichmann, the architect of Adolf Hitler's "Final Solution" plan for exterminating the Jews. He was hanged in Israel in 1962.

The indictment, presented to District Court secretary Moshe Shemesh by government prosecutor Eli Gabai, lists eight Treblinka survivors as witnesses against Demjanjuk.

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Early deadline

Because of Yom Kippur, the Oct. 16 issue of The CJN will go to press earlier than usual.

Editorial deadline for this issue is Monday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m., in Toronto.

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Israeli submission at ICAO

Anti-terrorist squads urged

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Israel has called for the creation of trained anti-terrorist squads that could act anywhere in the world they were needed at the 26th session of the International Civil Aviation Organization assembly.

"For a terrorist, there can be no hiding places. The terrorist must never be allowed to feel safe anywhere in the world," the head of the Israeli delegation, Shay Shohamy, told the assembly.

At the opening of the session last week, Israel presented a working paper on strengthening aviation security which called for greater international co-operation in dealing with terrorism.

"The realization that terrorists prowl our airways and airports, that they can escape retribution by fleeing to countries that respect and even worship the law of the jungle, has been steadily eating away our standards of justice, order and accountability in international affairs," said Shohamy, director of the Israeli Civil Aviation Administration.

Israel urged all countries to adopt a policy of refusing to yield to terrorists' demands and "to act within the inherent right of self-defence against the perpetrators of these criminal acts and their active supporters."

ICAO, a United Nations agency with 156 member states, should establish a new bureau on unlawful interference with civil aviation and prepare a "model law" on aviation security,

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Cabinet will be same after Peres-Shamir swap

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The rotation of power this month affects only Premier Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir who are scheduled to exchange jobs. The rest of the Labor-Likud cabinet will remain intact with each minister retaining his present portfolio, unless some ministers balk, government sources report.

The rotation is part of the Labor-Likud unity coalition agreement reached in 1984. It will be carried out according to law which required the entire cabinet to resign along with the Prime Minister. The basic formalities will be observed.

Peres will submit his resignation. President Chaim Herzog will go through the statutory consultations with all coalition parties. The latter will ritually recommend that Shamir become Prime Minister and Herzog will ask him formally to take office.

Shamir will appoint a government identical to the existing one, apart from his exchange with Peres. Some changes are possible. Health Minister Mordechai Gur and Gad Yaacobi, minister of economics and planning, both Laborites, have intimated they would not serve under Shamir. Should they leave the cabinet, Shamir, in consultation with Peres, would propose successors.

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Labor would lead the Likud by two to one and could form a national government without Likud if elections were held now, according to a poll published last week.

The poll was taken for the newspaper Ha'aretz by the Pori Public Opinion Research Institute, just a month before Shimon Peres of Labor is set to hand over the premiership to Yitzhak Shamir, leader of Likud.

Shevardnadze draws Jewish protest group

OTTAWA —

The 35s, a group of Jewish activists from Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, this week shadowed Soviet Foreign Minister Edouard Shevardnadze during his visit to Ottawa.

The group carried placards and chanted the names of Soviet Jews denied family reunification.

Shevardnadze held meetings with External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, who pressed his counterpart to allow for the reunification of 42 families, under the terms of the 1980 Helsinki Accords.

The CJN will carry a full report of Shevardnadze's visit in next week's edition.

THE CROWN vs. ZUNDEL

Crown prosecutors (left to right) Douglas Hunt, Peter Griffiths and David Finley who last week argued against the appeal of Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel in the Ontario Court of Appeal. CJN reporter Paul Lungen reports on the week-long hearing on page 3. [Paul Lungen photo]

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World-National

Tradition prompts shul pilgrimages

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Come Shabbat the annual great Jewish migration will be under way: Jews will once more visit the synagogue from which so many of them were absent most of the year. What brings these absentees back?

No one reason can be adduced that would apply to everyone and would explain the secret of the yomtov pilgrimage fully and completely.

Rabbi Plaut

There's tradition, of course: "This is the way our parents and their parents did it." We may have little of that tradition left in our personal existence, and the synagogue may play only an occasional part in it (as in special life cycle events), but there is a minimum below which we don't want to go. We define tradition in terms of a few remainders, and the High Holy Days belong to them. (Linguistic aside: I prefer "holy days" rather than "holidays." The latter has come to mean vacation time and by its very spelling and pronunciation submerges the holy. The yomtov liturgy speaks of *kedushat hayom*, the sacredness and apartness of the day.)

There is, further, the need to be part of the Jewish people. Istanbul, Karachi, Paris — these are landmarks speaking of one people in all its habitations. We want to be seen to be part of it and, more important, we want to feel part of it. And there is Israel, the state and its inhabitants. Somehow when we are together in the synagogue, we are closer to Israel, closer even than at public rallies. Being in shul we are part of the community in a way not afforded to the same degree by other means.

More reasons: we come to hear the shofar, the special melodies and chants (like Kol Nidre) which touch the deepest layers of our identity and memory. We come to say yizkor; we come to fast with others and not merely by ourselves.

There is an additional reason, not obvious at first blush, but perhaps more important than any other. It seems to me that Jews come to shul on yomtov because in the synagogue they hear affirmations which have become strange to them but which they really want to believe.

In their day-to-day existence they may be heard to say that for them God has lost all meaning; that in a world of evil they don't see much of God's justice; that God's part in Jewish life is at best hidden and at worst non-existent; that science has proven the randomness of the universe; that sin is relative and its reiteration merely a device to increase Jewish guilt. And so on.

They do appear to believe these propositions, but they really don't want to believe them. Instead, they do want to believe in God and in divine justice; they do want to believe that there is meaning to our existence; they know deep down there is such a thing as sin and that in its right measure guilt is a necessary component of life.

To put it differently: we Jews are still, at heart, a religious people, though we call ourselves secular and act it most of the time. We search for an expression of this religious sense and at this time of year are ready to expose ourselves to it once again. To be sure, there are those who will not go to shul, and especially so in Israel. For them, it's holiday time, not holy day celebration. Yet I believe that the vast majority of the secular, too, have a sense of the holy and are religious in sentiment and inclination rather than in formal ways. Tomorrow may see a renewed affirmation of God's presence in their lives.

Shanah tova!

President's Rosh Hashanah message

Herzog: Istanbul strong reminder

JERUSALEM —

Referring to the recent "unbelievably savage attack" on Sabbath worshippers in Istanbul, Israeli President Chaim Herzog says in his Rosh Hashanah message to the Diaspora that Jews once more are forcibly reminded of their minority position and "the need for the base and strength" the Jewish state provides.

"Memories of the dark pages in our old and modern history have been revived for us, and the contemporary effort to rebuild Jewish life on new national foundations takes on additional meaning," Herzog said.

Israel in this past year has been deeply involved in the strengthening of its economic and political position, in social reform, in the difficult effort to realize its cultural and scientific potential, in the struggle against international terrorism, and in the search for peace, the President said.

"The National Unity Government has functioned with a substantial measure of success, providing that cooperation in the general interest can overcome ideological and political differences," he said.

Chaim Herzog

The economic recovery program has succeeded in conquering galloping inflation and in introducing a sober and reasoned approach to the problems of the economy, Herzog stated. Though hardship and strain affect many individuals and an era of growth has not yet begun, the road ahead seems clearly marked, he added.

"The road ahead is not totally blocked even in the sphere of Arab-Israeli understanding towards peace," Herzog said.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres' official visit to Morocco, and his summit meeting with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt in Alexandria have been decisive steps forward towards a more normal relationship with the Arab world.

There has been initial official contact with the Soviet Union. To every change of this sort we are all necessarily most sensitive, for the fate of Soviet Jewry remains a major and burning concern of the Jewish world and the State of Israel.

"We look to 5747 in the hope that it may be a year of peace and growth, aliya and cultural enrichment, a year indeed where in the great phrase of the Rosh Hashanah liturgy, all men will come together in unison to respond wholeheartedly to the Divine Will," Herzog said. "To all of you a good New Year."

Sees "impressive change"

Peres looks to three tasks

JERUSALEM —

Israel is faced with three principal tasks in the new year — to renew aliya, to promote peace and to generate growth in the national economy, says Prime Minister Shimon Peres in his Rosh Hashanah message to the Diaspora.

"Two years have elapsed since the establishment of the National Unity Government, and, while we have not yet solved all the problems confronting us, we certainly have nothing of which to be ashamed," Peres said.

"We took an inflation-ridden economy and set it on its feet with all the pain this has involved, but also with all the positive results — Inflation has been drastically reduced," the Prime Minister stated. The Israeli shekel has been rehabilitated, the balance of payments has improved, and exports have increased, he added.

Shimon Peres

In Israel's international standing, an "impressive change" has taken place and "more than ever before, we are perceived as a nation striving earnestly and vigorously for peace," Peres said.

He pointed to enhanced relations with the United States including the free trade agreement and wide-ranging political and strategic cooperation.

A "marked improvement" has taken place in Israel's standing in Europe, Africa and Latin America Peres said. "Diplomatic relations have been restored with a number of important countries — from Spain in Europe to the Ivory Coast and Cameroon in Africa."

A "profound change" has also taken place in Israel's position in the Middle East, the Prime Minister added.

"Where previously all the countries of the region either turned their backs on us or pointed an accusing finger — now, this attitude has been replaced, at least among some of these countries, by a certain readiness to listen and more restrained language," he said.

"The approach of a new Jewish year is the time to remember our brethren-in-distress in the Soviet Union, in Syria and in Iran — and to pledge that we will not rest until we shall have made it possible for them to be rescued and restored to the land of their fathers."

"To every corner of the Jewish world," Peres said "an earnest call goes out from Jerusalem, our eternal capital: Come up to Israel! Come join us in the historic venture of reconstruction and nation-building going on here every day!"

U.S. minorities, women face problems with new top judge

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

Maybe the supreme gift of Yiddish to the English language is the word "mensch." Its literal meaning, as in German from whence it came, is "person." But in Yiddish it reaches for the essence of that person — this character. A mensch is someone to emulate, a person of consequence whose character is both rare and undisputed. The question before the U.S. Senate can best be stated in Yiddish: Is William Rehnquist a mensch?

He certainly ought to be. As chief justice of the United Sates he will not only be the leader of the high court but will come to personify justice itself. By his words and actions, he will tell the aggrieved whether American justice will grant them a fair, impartial hearing or whether the system will — in some way that they can sense — be closed to them.

There are abundant reasons to question William Rehnquist's character, and the restrictive covenants barring the sale of two of his homes to Blacks or Jews is one of them. The covenants were legally meaningless, but they remain troubling because they go to the heart of the question about Rehnquist: What sort of man is he? What do the covenants say about his sensibility — about his willingness to tolerate in his very own deeds artifacts of anti-semitism and racism? Is this the sort of man we want to be the nation's supreme judicial officer?

Despite what some senators say, this is not a question having to do with ideology or with a specific school of legal thought, such as strict constructionism. There is no better way to understand that distinction than to compare Rehnquist to the man who nominated him — President Reagan. In Reagan, the American people feel they have a man of fairness, one whose ideology is pronounced but so, too, is his lack of animus. Agree or disagree with the President, it's difficult to argue that he is a petty man, irrevocably anchored in a cold and inhospitable mentality. Ronald Reagan would have been appalled by a restrictive covenant and would not have failed to have it expunged. His character is manifest.

Not so Rehnquist. His failure to deal with the odious convenants are not isolated episodes, but part of a pattern. For instance, he helped challenge the voting qualifications of Arizona Blacks and Hispanics. He was entitled to do so. But even if he did not personally harass potential voters, as witnesses allege, what sort of man would become involved in an effort to deny the ballot to any American citizen? There is an unspoken contempt in Rehnquist's activities, and unvoiced reproach to those among the poor and the marginally literate who would seek to exercise their franchise.

The same holds for women. Rehnquist's position on the Equal Rights Amendment, set out in a memo to the Nixon White House, is now as moot as the ERA itself and, besides, a common and — as it turned out — prevailing point of view. But in that same memo, Rehnquist waxed Victorian: Women, by virtue of their sex, are not quite the equal of men and, in marriage, clearly subordinate.

Rehnquist wrote that if a husband "decides to move from Boston to Chicago to take a different job, the wife is legally obligated to accompany him. . . ." In most families, this would be a matter for discussion, not fiat, the notion being that a wife is not chattel but a free adult, maybe with a job and preference of her own.

The case against Rehnquist is not one of law or ideology, but of fairness, preception and, ultimately, of character. More often than anyone would like, his account of events have been contradicted by others and his legal ethics have been challenged by scholars whose credentials are unquestioned. His failure to expunge the covenants, his activities as an Arizona poll watcher, his quaint view of women as furniture — they all bespeak a man whose antipathies are as severe as the ideology that justifies it.

The importance of the Supreme Court is unquestioned and so, too, should be the character of its chief justice. You could not reasonably argue that Rehnquist is a rogue. But, when partisan dukes are put down, neither could you say that he is the sort of man evoked by the word "mensch."

For many Americans, especially those who need the courts the most, Rehnquist's record and demeanor suggest someone who, legal issues aside, would be inhospitable to them and their grievances — who would not be, in a symbolic sense, their chief justice. To them, the covenants say it all. In seeking justice from a Rehnquist court, minorities and women need not apply.

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Shortage of graves in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Tel Aviv is facing an acute shortage of grave sites partly because the living don't want the dead as neighbors.

There is an average of 25 deaths a day in Israel's largest city and according to the local burial society, the available space for new graves is sufficient only for two months. The society announced that it would no longer sell plots to living persons.

The logical solution would be a new cemetery and the burial society had an area zoned for one more than 10 years ago in what is now the suburb of Ramat Aviv Gimmel north of Tel Aviv. But residents who have since bought apartments there do not want to overlook a cemetery and have obtained court orders against opening new burial grounds.

They are backed by Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat who has promised to help the burial society find an alternate site. According to press reports, the society is investigating the possibility of burying deceased Tel Avivians in a new cemetery in the West Bank.

World-National

Shown above are the Court of Appeal justices who heard the Zundel appeal. They are, from left: Maurice Lacourciere, John Brooke, William Howland, Goldwin Martin and Lloyd Houlden. [Sketch by Linda Prussick]

"Some considerable time" before verdict

Five justices will rule on Ernst Zundel's fate

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Three Crown prosecutors were faced last week with probing questions from a Court of Appeal panel hearing Ernst Zundel's appeal from conviction for spreading false information denying the Holocaust.

The five justices probed into the admissibility of certain pieces of evidence placed before the jury, by the jury selection process itself and by the trial judge's instructions to the jury.

However, unlike the emotional and often sensational trial 1½ years ago, the appeal was low-key and concentrated on technical legal issues.

As the appeal ended, Chief Justice William Howland said the case contained significant legal issues and there would be "some considerable time" before the court's decision would be delivered.

Zundel, who was convicted and sentenced to 15 months in jail for publishing a booklet that claimed the Holocaust was a hoax, raised a number of legal issues that, if upheld, could see the conviction overturned and a new trial ordered. Should the justices rule the section under of the Criminal Code under which he was convicted (section 177) is unconstitutional, Zundel could go free.

However, the Crown's submissions on the constitutional question raised by Zundel — that the "false news" section of the Criminal Code does not violate the Charter of Rights and Freedom's guarantee of freedom of expression — did not prompt many queries from the justices.

Defence lawyer Doug Christie, however, found his submission on the Charter issue attracting the attention of the justices. Christie, who represented Zundel during the 8-week trial, argued the false news section constituted "an unreasonable limit on free speech."

Section 177 states: "Every one who wilfully publishes a statement, tale or news that he knows is false and that causes or is likely to cause injury or mischief to a public interest is guilty..." The Crown particularized the public interest involved by defining it as social and racial tolerance.

The charge "is vague, not actually similar to any law in any democratic country," Christie stated.

Christie told the court that the Charter right to freedom of speech is "absolute" unless section 1 of the Charter applies. (Section 1 restricts Charter rights where that limitation "can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.")

Speaking in measured tones and without the aggresiveness that characterized his performance at trial, Christie said the law is so vague it "intimidates" by creating a fear of prosecution. He argued it creates a "prior restraint" on what can be published and since a "public interest" is not defined, it could be used by the state "for political purposes" to control debate in society.

Christie's assertion of the right to publish pamphlets like Did Six Million Really Die? drew questioning from the judges.

"Is there a consitutionally protected right in knowingly spreading false news?" he was asked.

Isn't the section aimed not at *views* about history but at those who disseminate false *facts*, knowing they are false, to destabilize society? another justice asked.

Justice Maurice Lacourciere noted there are few historical distortions that can affect the public interest, while Justice John Brooke pointed out there are other limitations in the Criminal Code on unbridled free speech, including the law against defamatory libel, to which Christie replied perhaps that too should be unconstitutional.

Justices Brooke and Martin later asked whether the section should properly be understood as being aimed at protecting society from false facts, not at limiting the right to believe what you like.

Christie replied by arguing there is "no official history" and no unanimity on historical events — even the Holocaust. An observer can not be sure whether historical facts as commonly accepted are true or not.

In continuing his attack on the constitutionality of the section, Christie quoted from an editorial in the Globe and Mail newspaper, which argued section 177 is not demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society, and he referred to a recent recommendation of the Law Reform Commission to abolish the section (and consolidate the hate law provisions in a single section).

Christie attempted to show that the pamphlet for which Zundel was convicted was really about "comments and criticism."

But in his address to the justices, Crown attorney Doug Hunt said the booklet is really about falsifying and misrepresenting known facts.

He argued section 177 does not violate Charter guarantees of free speech, because federal lawmakers never envisioned unrestricted free expression.

The false news section is "aimed at an evil and the section is rationally connected to a prohibition that Parliament intended — known false statements," Hunt stated.

Furthermore, he argued, section 177 "leaves unrestricted vast areas of public expression."

At one point, the justices hearing the case — Howland, Brooke, Lacourciere, Goldwin Martin and Lloyd Houlden — asked whether the pamphlet was about false *facts* or about *beliefs* about history. Hunt responded by citing dozens of examples where the pamphlet falsified known facts.

Taken as a whole, the pamphlet is a "statement" and is false, replied Hunt.

While the senior justices did not grill Hunt on the Charter question, they expressed concern about District Court Judge Hugh Locke's charge to the jury, with Martin at one point suggesting it was not really correct.

Martin appeared to take issue with the language employed by Locke in his charge, suggesting the trial judge framed the legal issues in terms of Zundel establishing his honest belief in the truth of the pamphlet (which would lead to an acquittal) versus the correct legal charge of informing the jury the onus was on the Crown to prove Zundel **knew** the pamphlet was false.

Hunt replied by saying taken as a whole, the charge makes it clear the Crown had to prove Zundel knew the document to be false. The charge was framed in the way it was because that was how the defence was presented, he added.

The justices expressed concern to Hunt on the failure of the trial judge to allow questions to prospective jurors to determine whether they would try the case impartially.

Hunt noted a list of questions (such as whether the jurors believe Jews are the chosen people and whether the prospective juror was Jewish or a Freemason) prepared by Christie included improper queries — an assertion with which Lacourciere agreed. But the appeals justice then stated it was "troubling" that Locke did not allow for other, appropriate questions.

Hunt replied that the trial judge did not preclude Christie from asking other questions and that the impetus for those other questions should have come from Christie, not from the trial judge.

Hunt added that Locke had asked prospective jurors to disqualify themselves if they could not render an impartial verdict, but Brooke suggested he too was "troubled" by that suggestion since it left it up to the jurors to remove themselves.

The justices also questioned Hunt on some pieces of evidence brought before the jury. In his arguments, Christie raised a complaint about a graphic and horrifying film of Nazi brutality, Nazi Concentration Camps, which he said was biased, one-sided and prejudicial while not being properly admitted.

In addressing that point, Crown attorney Peter Griffiths, who conducted the prosecution of Zundel, noted the film was admitted under an "ancient" rule of evidence. But Martin questioned him on the propriety of its admission, while Houlden noted the film's narration sets out not just the facts as seen by the filmmakers, but information others related to them, making the evidence farther removed from the original source (and less reliable).

Griffiths replied by noting if there were an error in the film, it could have been corrected in the 40 years since it was made.

The justices also expressed concern about the admission of a document of the International Red Cross, which refuted an allegation in the pamphlet. Griffiths argued "no substantial wrong" was done by admitting the document since the overwhelming body of evidence at trial showed the pamphlet was false, and this was merely one more way of showing the booklet contained lies.

Following Griffiths' submissions, a third crown attorney, David Finley, responded to Christie's request that the 15-month sentence be reduced by pointing out the "gravity of the offence.

"Freedom of speech does not mean the right to vilify," he said. There is "incipient malevolence" in the material Zundel published that challenges Canadians' multicultural way of life by pitting group against group.

Zundel's attempt to "destabilize" racial harmony in Canada was an attack on the very basis of our society, Finley added.

Furthermore, Zundel has shown no remorse and has said he intends to continue with this sort of publication if he's acquitted, Finley said. A 15-month sentence would show the "moral repugnance of the community to the offender and the offence," he said, adding the conditions of not publishing on the Holocaust should be retained to prevent Zundel from repeating the crime.

Earlier, Christie had argued the sentence ought to be reduced because no violence was committed. Should the conviction be upheld, he stated, the jail term should be reduced to a suspended sentence.

While the appeal contained little of the drama that was a daily feature of the trial, Christie reminded spectators of the emotion of the trial when he claimed he was not allowed to call as a witness Sabina Citron, the woman who laid the charges against Zundel, to show that not everyone who entered Auschwitz was killed.

Christie also challenged an assertion in the film that gas chambers were used in Dachau, and referred to them as "so-called gas chambers." He also raised allegations that the Nuremberg war crimes trials were unfair and that some of the Nazis tried then were tortured. He also repeated an allegation that parts of the diary of Anne Frank were forged.

Only about 50 spectators at any one time took in the appeal, including about 20 from the Zundel camp.

Citron attended the appeal, as did representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Defence League.

Security was tight with searches being conducted at the courtroom entrance. One elderly man was stopped trying to enter the court carrying a spring-loaded baton, according to Constable Mark Mendelsohn of the Metro Toronto Police ethnic squad.

The man was charged with possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of a concealed weapon and was led away from the scene in handcuffs.

Charged in connection with the incident is 74-year-old John Ross Taylor.

Deschenes delayed

TORONTO —
The Deschenes Commission investigating Nazi war criminals in Canada will likely receive a "short extension" from the federal justice department to allow it to tie up loose ends, according to Michael Meighen, counsel for the Commission.

Although the justice department had not, at CJN press time, confirmed the Commission's request for further time beyond the Sept. 30 deadline, Meighen said a 6-week extension was probably in the works.

The Commission requested the extra time to complete printing, translating and publishing the report, as well as to allow those investigated about whom unfavorable reports will be made the opportunity to respond to the allegations.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: What should we hear from the pulpit on Rosh Hashanah?

The Chassam Sofer z.l. began a number of his Rosh Hashanah sermons with these words from the Torah: "That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, upon the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth." (Deuteronomy 11:21). The next three generations of his family, as rabbis of Pressburg, continued this tradition.

Rabbi Burak

Other masters of Torah knowledge of that same period were wont to plead for world Jewry. They talked to the people, but their conversation was with the Almighty. The people listened in, as the rabbi presented a message of intercession, along the lines of the prayer "And who is like unto Thy people, Israel. . . ."

They pleaded with the Heavenly Father to inscribe His people in the Book of Life. Rosh Hashanah is a day of judgment, when we are on trial. Since no one is without fault, the prosecution has all the amunition. If the defence attorney stands silent and hangs his head in shame, what will become of us? But, is that then a fair trial?

A fair trial requires a competent defence. But, here there is no defence. Therefore, "be'en maylits yosher, mul maggid pesha — where there is no defence attorney opposing the prosecutor," a guilty verdict may not be given. Therefore, "Do Thou vindicate us in the judgment, O King of judgment."

In no way is there to be a listing of the people's sins. Rosh Hashanah is just not the day for that sort of thing to be done. It is a day of sweetness, a love-in for the Jewish people who despite the miseries and sorrows sustained over the millenia, still cling to our holy faith.

Remembering such aspects of Jewish history is important during the Days of Awe. Oh how the Jews have suffered in Russia. An observer had this to say in the year 1900 about their martyrdom: "Any of the measures employed against the Jews would be enough to 'convert' three-fourths of the Christians in Russia to Shamanism or Bouddism (sic) in a week. . . ."

The martyrdom of the Jews in Russia continues. And the fact that despite the many sacrifices entailed in such a step, there are still young people in Russia who don tallis and tefillen, learn Torah, speak Hebrew, and apply for permission to emigrate to Israel. This, too, is an 'akedas Yitzhak in modern times. There you have a miracle.

These are the subjects to concentrate on, in these very special days. If you hear a sermon on any of these topics, you are indeed fortunate. But, you may hear, as quite a few congregations heard last year at High Holy Day Services, a call to man the barricades against the inroads of an invading force of barbarians from a branch of Judaism.

Lo zu ha-derech, even if the board of strategy recommended it. It's not a Torah message. When the preacher moves away from the great Torah themes, he's not giving the Jewish heart the sustenance it requires, and the nourishment it needs.

Then he may come up with such sermonic gems as this one, in W. E. Leuchtenberg's *Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal* (Harper, 1963), citing these words from a wordly-wise rabbi, in the Literary Digest of 1932: "I would as little support a war to crush Hitlerism as a war for the strengthening of Jewish claims in Palestine."

Could a Happy New Year come out of that message?

Shamir has tough act to follow

Israel-U.S. relations remain strong

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —
The recent visits to Washington by Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin underlined the generally strong state of American-Israeli relations on the eve of the transfer of power in Jerusalem. As far as the United States is concerned, Yitzhak Shamir is going to have a tough act to follow.

U.S. and Israeli officials agreed that the relationship right now was excellent, virtually across the board. There is certainly an era of good feeling toward Israel in the American capital — in both the executive as well as legislative branch of the government. Even the major national news media seem more supportive of Israel.

Even if there is not all that much difference in substance on key issues, diplomatic style — the way a policy is stated — can make all the difference in the world.

Reagan administration officials also continue to point out that Peres and Rabin, while in the opposition, were basically open-minded in reacting to President Ronald Reagan's Sept. 1, 1982 peace initiative, while Begin's Likud-led coalition had instantly rejected it out of hand.

Peres and Rabin are very sensitive to Israel's image in America, especially with the administration and Congress. They tried during their public and private statements to underscore their willingness to accommodate, as much as possible, America's major concerns and interests in the Middle East without sacrificing Israel's.

How they phrased their positions, therefore, was very impressive to the Americans. Instead of constantly declaring "no" and rejecting all sorts of peace options, Peres and Rabin repeatedly tried to say "yes," hoping to put the burden for any diplomatic stalemate and military tension on the Arab side.

This was very apparent when Peres addressed the Washington Institute for Near East Policy on Sept. 17 and when Rabin spoke before the Heritage Foundation a few days earlier. Both are influential Washington "think tanks."

There were many important state department, Pentagon and White House officials, Congressional staffers, journalists, academicians and others in the audiences; most emerged with a greater sense of understanding for Israel's security predicament and of confidence in Israel's readiness to take chances for peace.

This positive attitude toward the top Labor leadership, most especially toward Peres, was repeatedly signaled during the Prime Minister's two days of talks in Washington. He won unusually strong kudos from President Reagan, Vice-President George Bush, Secretary of State George Shultz, Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger, and many others. Israel's best friends in the Senate and House of Representatives were clearly delighted by Peres' performance during a joint session of the Senate foreign relations and House foreign affairs committees.

Reagan's carefully-prepared remarks at a White House Rose Garden farewell for Peres began by noting that Peres was "a valued friend, a statesman, and a spokesman for peace, and a leader of the government of Israel, a country with whom the United States has deep and special ties." In insisting that some impressive progress has been achieved in recent weeks in the peace process, Reagan added: "No one has done more than Prime Minister Peres to that end. His vision, his statesmanship, and his tenacity are greatly appreciated here." (CJN Sept. 25).

Thus, the relationship between Washington and Jerusalem has clearly bounced back from the tensions which erupted after the Jonathan Jay Pollard spy scandal last November. Indeed, neither Peres nor Rabin was even asked to discuss the Pollard case during any of their numerous appearances before the U.S. news media.

The only time it came up at all was during the briefings the Prime Minister and defence minister had with the Washington-based Israeli press corps. Indeed, at one point, Rabin even berated an Israeli journalist for asking a question about Pollard, pointing out that the subject was not raised during any of his meetings in Washington. Peres made the same point during one of his question-and-answer sessions with the Israeli press.

U.S. officials had a strategy in heaping all of their praise on Peres. Yes, they truly admire the Prime Minister. And yes, they will miss his style of operation. But they were also hoping to put some subtle pressure on Shamir.

By constantly referring to the wonderful development of American-Israeli relations these past two years — since Peres took office — they were serving notice on Shamir that any deterioration in the coming months would be blamed on new policies coming from Jerusalem. It was up to Shamir to maintain this currently very cordial state of ties by continuing the thrust of Israeli policy as enunciated these past two years under Peres.

The Americans did not totally view Peres as a "lame" leader. For one thing, they suspect that he could once again emerge as Prime Minister if the national unity government should collapse at some point following the rotation. And he will, after all, become deputy prime minister and foreign minister — not insignificant portfolios.

Administration officials in Washington are not exactly holding their breath waiting for a political crisis to burst out in Jerusalem in the next few months. Americans are aware of the basic popularity of the coalition among the Israeli public, largely because of the remarkable economic turnaround these past two years. But they know that the potential for a political crisis is always there, given the very serious differences between Labor and Likud on the future of the West Bank and Gaza.

Less friction, tension

Americans like the generally open and frank approach of the Labor leadership, as compared to the more shrill tones during the Likud years in office, first under Menachem Begin and then Shamir. There is less friction and tension under the surface, greater confidence and trust.

Both Peres and Rabin served Israel's interests well during their visits to Washington. In short, American officials are pleased by the policies coming from Jerusalem nowadays.

Publicly, they maintain that this will continue after Peres swaps jobs soon with Shamir. Privately, there are some serious misgivings.

"We're hoping for the best, but bracing for the worst," an American specialist on the Middle East said. Like other U.S. officials, he clearly appreciated what he said was the "basically flexible" style of Peres and Rabin — as opposed to "a certain rigidity" adopted by Shamir and his Likud colleagues.

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BBC supports the French in fight against terrorism

TORONTO —
A message of solidarity with France in its struggle against terrorism has been sent a telegram to French Premier Jacques Chirac on behalf of B'nai B'rith Canada by the organization's president, Harry Bick, and executive vice-president, Frank Dimant.

B'nai B'rith Canada "expresses dismay and horror at the recent wave of terrorist attacks that have plagued France in recent weeks," said the telegram.

"We commend the French government's strength in refraining from acceding to the demands of the terrorist murderers who prey upon the innocent," it said.

All nations must work together to root out the perpetrators of such heinous acts and to prevent them from destroying the democratic values upon which our nations thrive, B'nai B'rith added.

"We share your grief and concern and support your actions in the war against terrorism."

But Alberta AG calls JDL trip "provocative"

Halevi hopes for criminal charges, investigation

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Meir Halevi considers his recent trip to Caroline, Alberta and his confrontation with white-supremacist Terry Long a success.

The result of the trip could be criminal charges leveled against a member of the Aryan Nations who wielded a firearm and an investigation of the premises where the group plans to build a compound, Halevi told The CJN.

Halevi, the leader of the Jewish Defence League in Canada, went to Caroline to confront Terry Long, leader of the Aryan Nations in Canada. And confrontation is what he got.

Besides trading insults over the barbed wire fence that encloses Long's planned compound for the white-supremacist group, the scene nearly turned violent, as a member of the Aryan Nations identified by Halevi as an ex-SS man waved a gun at Halevi as he took a swing at Long over the fence (CJN Sept. 25).

Halevi has laid a complaint with the local RCMP detachment, which is now investigating whether charges under Criminal Code section 84 — pointing a firearm — are warranted. The section carries a maximum penalty of five years.

The result of the 40-minute confrontation was that the Aryan Nations showed themselves for what they are, Halevi told The CJN. "Bringing out the gun shows their mentality . . . what they're capable of."

Halevi said an investigation of the incident could lead to search warrants of the camp being issued and consequently, "No one will join and (Long) will remain inactive."

Halevi threw a punch at Long following a verbal confrontation between the two, viewed by members of the media and RCMP officers who watched from 400 metres away.

Halevi said he and U.S. JDL leader Irv Rubin and Calgary JDL head David Strauss walked to the gate where Long made "anti-semitic comments such as 'Jews control the world,' 'Jews control the press,' 'How much money you making on this, Halevi?' " and other comments.

As the shouting match continued, Long said "I'm white and I'm proud of it and I'm certainly not a kike," according to Halevi. At that point Halevi reached over the fence and tried to hit Long, who ducked away.

It was during that episode that the rifle was being wielded.

Halevi later walked away and donned tefillen, erroneously described in previous reports as leather brass knuckles. Halevi said he did so because during the Holocaust Nazis taunted Jews wearing tefillen and he wanted to show Jews no longer have to be afraid of like-minded individuals.

Meanwhile, Alberta Attorney-General Jim Horsman said the JDL trip to the province was "provocative."

Sheldon Chumir, Liberal member of the legislature, criticized the JDL, saying their actions could attract new members to the Aryan Nations by focusing attention on their activities.

Both Halevi and Rubin said they would not likely return to Long's property.

According to wire service reports, angry Caroline residents say they are prepared to do battle with Long. One resident is quoted as saying townsfolk are so angry over Long's planned camp they are considering storming his land.

"If the law doesn't do something, I don't know what's going to happen," said Bill Duncan. "People will just do their own thing. He's wrecking this town's name."

Asked if the town's 430 residents would go as far as burning Long off his property, Duncan said: "I wouldn't rule it out."

New campaign to free Nudel

MONTREAL —

A major campaign is being mounted by Canadian Jewish Congress for the immediate release of Refusenik Ida Nudel from the Soviet Union.

CJC president Dorothy Reitman and Barbara Stern, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, are urging all members of the Jewish community to participate by signing a petition addressed to William Bauer, the Canadian ambassador to the forthcoming review of the Helsinki Accords in Vienna.

The petition, which is being circulated throughout Canada, requests that Bauer make a special representation to the Soviet delegation at the conference asking that its government allow Nudel to be reunited with her sister in Israel.

Nudel has been seeking an exit visa since May, 1971. She is now 55, in failing health and remains alone in internal exile in Bendery, Moldavia. She is a widow and has no living relatives in the Soviet Union. Her sister in Israel, Ilana Fridman, is the only remaining member of her family.

CJC contends that the continued denial of Nudel's right of emigration is in "flagrant violation of international covenants, the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and the Helsinki Accords..."

The Vienna conference this fall will specifically examine compliance with the human contacts provisions of the Helsinki Accords.

Irwin Cotler, who has championed the cause of Nudel and other Soviet dissidents, said that he has asked Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and External Affairs Minister Joe Clark to raise Nudel's case with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze. Shevardnadze was to visit Ottawa Sept. 30-Oct. 3.

Judge in Tel Aviv has book thrown at her

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

A "man-bites-dog" story unfolded in Tel Aviv district court recently when a defendant threw the book at the judge — literally.

Judge Victoria Ostrovski-Cohen had just sentenced Avner Moyal, 26, of Givatayim, to six years' imprisonment for drug dealing. Moyal picked up a heavy law book and hurled it at the judge, striking her in the forehead.

Ostrovski-Cohen retired to her chambers for medical treatment and Moyal was promptly charged with assault. The incident was the second time in the past few days that Ostrovski-Cohen was attacked in her courtroom, indicating according to observers that "she must be doing something right."

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World-National

Prominent cardiologist Brodsky arrives in Tel Aviv

Refusenik's release credited to external pressure

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The release by the Soviet Union of Refusenik Dr. Vladimir Brodsky is a prime example of what pressure from the West can accomplish, say Canadian activists who worked on Brodsky's behalf.

A prominent Jewish cardiologist who was active in a Moscow peace group, Brodsky was released unexpectedly from a Soviet prison after serving one year of a 3-year sentence for "malicious hooliganism."

Two weeks ago, he arrived in Tel Aviv with his wife Nina Zisserman and their baby daughter Rachel.

Brodsky, 42, was sentenced in August, 1985. He had been seeking an exit visa for Israel since 1977. In prison, according to reports, he had been beaten and force-fed during a hunger strike.

Genya Intrator, head of the Inter-Religious Task Force, told The CJN that pressure "is how to get people out" of the Soviet Union.

"The Soviets only accede to pressure when they realize it costs more to keep people than to let them go."

Intrator, who keeps in personal contact with many dissidents and Refuseniks, says it is possible that Dr. Evgeny Chazov, co-winner of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize, played a role in Brodsky's release.

Chazov, also a cardiologist, was a co-founder with American Dr. Bernard Lown of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW).

Chazov "may have said to (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev that it's costing too much PR in the West to hang on to Brodsky," Intrator speculated.

But the founder of the Canadian branch of the IPPNW, Dr. Frank Sommers, chided the group for "refusing" to take a stand on Brodsky.

Sommers told The CJN he is "delighted" at Brodsky's release but added he was "very distressed" that the IPPNW never took a tough stand with the Soviets on Brodsky, especially since he helped found the Group to Establish Trust Between East and West, an underground Moscow peace group.

Sommers says the IPPNW has failed to speak out on behalf of other persecuted Soviet peace activists for fear of diverting from its own anti-war focus.

"Brodsky exemplified the right to work for peace," said Sommers, who met Brodsky in Moscow in 1983.

Many observers say Brodsky, like freed dissident Anatoly Scharansky, was a victim of "double jeopardy:" that he wanted to emigrate and was active in a peace group.

Other groups that had called for Brodsky's release were the U.S. Peace Corps, Germany's Green Party, Canada's Project Ploughshares and McGill University in Montreal.

Navon to launch BG celebrations

MONTREAL —

The Canadian commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of David Ben-Gurion will be formally launched in Parliament Oct. 29 with a visit by former Israeli President Yitzhak Navon.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney is the honorary chairman of the Canadian Council for the Ben Gurion Centennial, a worldwide year-long series of events.

Navon, now deputy prime minister and the education and culture minister, will be officially recognized when he visits the House of Commons that day. He will be accompanied by Israeli Ambassador Eliashiv Ben-Horin and members of the Centennial Council, a consortium of 22 Jewish organizations, co-chaired by Ben-Horin and Canadian Zionist Federation president Neri Bloomfield.

Navon's schedule in Ottawa also includes a visit with Jewish school children, a 6 p.m. reception in the Parliament Buildings and a public address at the Jewish Community Centre at 8 p.m.

The following day, Oct. 30, Navon will be in Montreal where he will again meet Jewish school children, attend a vin d'honneur hosted by Mayor Jean Drapeau at city hall, and participate with Canadian ambassador to the United Nations Stephen Lewis in a lecture at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel at 8 p.m.

The latter event is being presented jointly with the Canadian Associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

On Oct. 31 in Toronto, Navon will be the guest of honor at a reception hosted by Ontario Premier David Peterson at Queen's Park. On Nov. 2, Navon will address a public meeting at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue at 11 a.m.

The Ben-Gurion Centennial will also be celebrated in the smaller communities. His daughter, Renana Ben-Gurion, will arrive in Canada Nov. 3 and will visit Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

The centenary observance will continue until October, 1987. "Throughout the year, a wide variety of programming and information resources focusing on the life and achievements of Ben-Gurion will be made available to students, adults and all interested groups," said Paula Mendelsohn, coordinator of the Canadian Ben-Gurion Centennial Council.

Neri Bloomfield is leading a special centennial tour of Israel which leaves Nov. 3. An academic seminar on Ben Gurion is planned for next September in Montreal.

Envoy compared Israel to Nazi Germany

Congo apologizes for remarks

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The People's Republic of Congo has apologized for remarks by its foreign minister alleging a resemblance between Israel and South Africa and Nazi Germany. The apology was sent to the U.S. representative to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, who had lodged a strong protest against the analogy.

Walters reacted to a speech by Foreign Minister Antoine Ndinga Oba to the UN General Assembly on South Africa's continued occupation of Namibia (Southwest Africa), in the course of which he said South Africa resembled no other state of modern times unless it was Israel or Nazi Germany. Israel and Congo have no diplomatic relations.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith also reacted sharply. ADL national chairman Burton Levinson protested in a cable to President Denis Sassou Nguesso of Congo. "By linking Israel to the true perpetrators of racism you undermine the necessary effort of all peoples to work together toward ending the systems of apartheid and creating a just society for all in South Africa," Levinson said.

A spokesman for Israel's UN mission said that Oba had apologized and gave assurances that he had not intended to equate Israel with Nazi Germany.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years.

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SHIFFMAN — SHIPPER

Allen Shiffman writes that his zayde told him long ago that his name means a ship-man and that it refers to a boat owner, shipbuilder or sailor.

The name derives from the German word SCHIFF (ship). SCHIFFMAN and SEEMANN denoted a sailor. A ship builder was SCHIFFBAUER. A SCHIFFMAN was probably the operator of a ferry (not the Queen Elizabeth) or one of the sailors on its crew.

In Slavonic, SZYPER, pronounced SHIPPER, carried on the business of transport by water.

Allen also enquiries about his mother's maiden name SCOTMAN. The name may very well have undergone a change of the original spelling which should be verified. My tentative conclusion is that it was originally SCHOTTMAN which would indicate a builder of partition walls (before the days of dry-wall material).

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On Oct. 4, 1940 — the fast of Gedaliah — the Vichy government published its Statut des Juifs depriving refugees of civil rights. Started was France's opportunist collaboration with the Germans that resulted in the destruction of nearly 80,000 Jews.

Germany invaded France on May 10, 1940, trapping close to 350,000 native-born and refugee Jews. Alsace Lorraine, an industrial-mineral heartland, was annexed. In that part of France officially occupied, the Nazis quickly issued one verordnung (order) after another. On Sept. 22, a census of the Jews was taken. Nazi supervision over Jewish businesses was proclaimed Oct. 18; their capital was frozen several months later.

Radios owned by Jews were confiscated. A fine of one billion francs was levied on the community. Killing efforts began with the deportation to the east of 1,100 Jews on March 27, 1942. About the same time Jews were placed under a curfew, restricted from public places, and compelled to wear a yellow cloth badge.

France's record of anti-semitism was second only to Germany's in Western Europe. The collaborationist Vichy government, led by Pierre Laval and World War I hero Marshal Petain, was allowed a measure of autonomy over the rest of France. The policy of its commissariat for Jewish affairs, headed by Xavier Vallat, was to happily rubber stamp those of the Nazis.

Its worst excesses, however, were aimed at the "foreign Jewish aliens" who had streamed into France for refuge from Germany, Czechoslovakia, and as far away as Poland. Early on, when Germany tried to expel Alsace's Jews into France's unoccupied zone, Vichy officialdom protested vehemently; they lingered there until the Final Solution came into effect. Vichy's instruments included the Union Generale des Israelites de France, a form of Judenrat created in 1941.

Vichy officials, some corrupt, some sympathetic, were not averse to sparing French-born Jews, particularly war veterans and their families, intellectuals, politicians and statesmen, artists, researchers and doctors. The Jews' dispersion, in southern France, also detracted from their accessibility. As well, historians Michael Marrus and Robert Paxton cite Gallic pride in impeding deportations. Vichy officials resisted the appearance of obvious subordination to the Germans, preferring to display independence and cultural superiority in this as in other matters. Opportunism was also a major factor.

Pro-German zeal

Close to 13,000 Jews were rounded up in Paris in mid July, 42, with the aid of French police and administrators. In a display of pro-German zeal in the wake of a number of resistance actions, agents in Vichy territory arrested and handed over to the Germans over 7,000 Jewish refugees a month later. A total of 42,000 Jews were sent to Poland from France's unoccupied zone that year — many through Vichy efforts.

The inclusion of women and children, the deportees' rough handling, acts of retribution by the resistance, and the increasing knowledge of the deportees' ultimate fate sparked objections from the populace at large. Vichy officials backed off, toning down their collaboration. Most of the foreign Jews were largely disposed of, anyway. German battle losses at El Alamein and Stalingrad were also taken into account. In February, 1943, the Nazis took over the unoccupied zone. Without Vichy alacrity, the deportation of Jews dropped considerably. Despite the Germans' best efforts, fewer than 22,000 Jews were sent east in 1943.

For close to a year, Italian troops, Germany's own allies at the time, occupied districts of southern France. They countermanded Vichy anti-Jewish orders, creating a small haven. Nice's community donated 3 million francs on behalf of Italian victims of Allied air raids. Vichy officials shrugged, blaming the Italians for impeding deportation efforts.

As 1944 dawned, the end of the German reich was clearly in sight. Laval discontinued the use of all French police aid for the Germans' now frantic roundup efforts. The number of Jews deported that year until Aug. 25, when Paris was liberated, totaled about 12,500.

A question lingers, to haunt future generations: how many Jews would have died had French officials refused to collaborate all along?

"Opening of the issues," says PM

Peres, Soviet discuss normalization

NEW YORK (JTA) — Premier Shimon Peres said after a recent meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze at the United Nations that they had discussed "steps to arrive at full normalization" of relations between Israel and the Soviet Union. He called their talk "an opening of the issues."

Peres said at the briefing for Israeli correspondents that he and the foreign minister had discussed three subjects: relations between their countries, Soviet Jewry and the chances of an international conference for Middle East peace. He said both had promised to "think about" what the other said and agreed to continue negotiations but nothing definite was arranged.

Peres said he told Shevardnadze that Jewish history will be richer if we find a solution to the problem of Soviet Jewry" and Communist history would not be the poorer for it.

Their meeting, in the South Lounge at UN headquarters lasted an hour and 20 minutes. It had not been expected to run longer than a half hour. Present with Peres was his chief advisor, Nimrod Novick. Shevardnadze had only a translator with him. He spoke in Russian and Peres in English.

Peres said he found the Soviet diplomat to be "open, a thinking man, not dogmatic" and also humorous. Their discussion, he said, "symbolized the search for steps toward normalization (of relations) between Israel and the Soviet Union."

However, he stressed, all the problems between the two countries cannot be resolved in the course of 80 minutes, "but we did begin a dialogue."

Peres characterized the talk as informal and said the fact it was held meant an opening up of relations. Israel has had no diplomatic ties with the USSR since Moscow broke relations during the 1967 Six Day War. Peres met briefly with Shevardnadze at a diplomatic reception at the UN last year. In 1984, Israeli foreign minister Yitzhak Shamir met at the UN with then Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The Peres-Shevardnadze meeting was not on the agenda of Peres' visit to the U.S. and caused him to postpone his return to Israel by one day. According to some sources here it was arranged by the Israeli ambassador to the U.S., Meir Rosenne.

Peres spoke briefly to reporters as he left the meeting. He told them it was a discussion of what steps had to be taken to normalize Israel-Soviet relations.

Shevardnadze, who left the meeting separately, was quoted as saying his talk with Peres was "very serious" and included such matters as bilateral relations, questions related to the Middle East and some of the problems involved in an international conference on the Middle East.

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Editorial

Our Days of Awe

Coincident with the fall season in northern climes Jews on this continent will be celebrating along with their brethren everywhere Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

On the regular calendar these holidays fall during the final months of the old year. For Judaism, however, it is the season of the New Year — with all the hopes and joys which that period reflects.

Unlike the secular New Year, however, the Jewish holidays do not encourage joyous merriment. They are solemn festivals — and for good reason.

The High Holidays are also unique in that they are not specifically related to historical events in the way that Passover, Succoth and Shavuoth are. In Hebrew the term for the holidays is Yamim Nora'im — Days of Awe.

The term itself is significant because it is taken from the Talmud (Tractate Rosh Hashanah 16a) and refers to the fact that on this festival "all man's actions of the past year are judged by God on Rosh Hashanah, and on Yom Kippur judgement is rendered."

The two holidays, as Alfred Kolatch relates in his *The Jewish Book of Why*, "emphasize spirituality, morality, and holiness . . . They celebrate God's role as King of the Universe and Judge of all man's actions."

Given the central theme of repentance at the core of the holiday liturgy, Jews approach the two holidays with a sense of modesty, contrition and hope.

These sentiments are heightened this year during the shofar service on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur as the ram's horn, that ancient instrument of convocation, is sounded clearly in order to invite penitent people to renounce their past sins and pledge to themselves and to the community a commitment to a more virtuous conduct in the year to come.

On this occasion we wish all the readers of The CJN a G'mar Hatimah Tovah.

Arabs revive libel

In 1911 Mendel Beiliss, a Jewish lamplighter in Kiev, was accused by the czarist government of murdering a Christian child. His trial, which occurred two years later, saw the same government clumsily try to convict Beiliss with the help of manufactured testimony and perjured witnesses.

Despite the government's wicked aims Beiliss was acquitted.

The infamous blood libel did not, however, die with the czarist authorities. In 1986 it is being revived again — by certain Arab spokesmen.

The former minister of defence in Syria, Mustafa Tlas, has just published a book called The Matza of Zion, a 200-page anti-Jewish tract in which the author presents as factually true the lie that Jews use Gentile blood for cultic purposes.

Now, according to the JTA, the blood libel is being circulated in the Arab news media. The Australian Press Council has censured an Arabic-language newspaper, An Nahda, for publishing "violent attacks on Jews as a group — including the blood libel."

The paper in question had asserted in one of its articles that the "Jews have embarked upon kidnapping Christian men and children and slaughtering them to obtain blood for the purpose of kneading it with the unleavened bread of the Passover celebration."

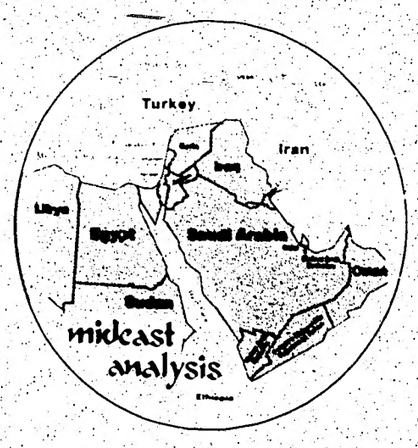
It is interesting to note that two of the offending articles which appeared in the Australian-Arabic newspapers had been reprinted from Lebanese papers and reflected, presumably, the bitter feelings generated by Israel's activity in the country.

The Australian Press Council said: "These feelings are understandable but they in no way justify the violent attacks on Jews as a group, some of which are couched in the classical language of abhorrent anti-semitism. . . . There is no place for such material in this country."

To this we would add that there is no place for such material in any country of the world. It is indeed a sad commentary that Arab newspapers are now resorting to the vilest anti-semitic crudities in their war against Israel and the Jewish people.

Vow "year for negotiations for peace"

Summits rise above turmoil



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

As usual, there was no shortage of news last year in the Middle East, a region that seems to teeter on the edge...

There were diplomatic, political and military developments which affected Israel and its Arab neighbors.

From Israel's point of view, the biggest developments were Prime Minister Shimon Peres' summits with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and King Hassan II of Morocco.

Peres' meeting with Mubarak, the first Israeli-Egyptian summit in five years, took place in Alexandria after Israel and Egypt finally hammered out an agreement to send the Taba border dispute to international arbitration. At the conclusion of their talks, the two leaders vowed to make 1987 a "year for negotiations for peace." To Israel's satisfaction, Egypt announced that it would return its ambassador to Tel Aviv after a 4-year hiatus. The Egyptians called their envoy home in September of 1982, following the Sabra and Shatila massacres in Beirut. Egypt said he would not be recalled unless Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon, resolved the Taba issue and took steps to improve the Palestinians' "quality of life" on the West Bank. Egypt's new ambassador, Mohammed Bassiouni, was charge d'affaires in Tel Aviv.

In July, Peres flew to the Moroccan mountain resort of Ifrane to discuss the prospects for peace, prompting Syria to break its diplomatic relations with Morocco and the king to resign as chairman of the Arab League.

Hassan described the talks as "exploratory." He and Peres disagreed on the basic issues — the role of the PLO in future talks and the status of the occupied areas — but analysts said the meeting broke down yet another Arab-Israeli barrier.

Earlier in the year, Peres said that 1986 would be the "best year for peace" in the Mideast. But talks between Israel and Jordan, the likeliest peace partner, failed to materialize. King Hussein severed negotiations with Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, but Israel was unable to exploit the new situation and reach a separate settlement with Jordan. Hussein, fearing adverse Arab reaction, is reluctant to enter into talks with Israel unless Israel assures him it will pull out of the occupied areas and give the Palestinians the chance to exercise genuine self-determination.

After months of anticipation, Spain finally established diplomatic ties with the Jewish state. Spain had been the only country in Western Europe not to have official relations with Israel. Soon after dispatching an ambassador to Israel, Spain upgraded its relations with the PLO. Elsewhere in Europe, Israel took gradual steps to improve its ties with Greece, a nation that traditionally has been pro-Arab.

On another continent, the Ivory Coast and Cameroon reestablished relations with Israel as Israel's comeback in Black Africa continued unabated. Meanwhile, Israel criticized South Africa's apartheid policy but also signed a new trade accord with Pretoria.

For the first time since the Six Day War, Israel and the Soviet Union held consular talks. They lasted only 1½ hours, but Peres met the Soviet foreign minister at the UN. Poland, Moscow's East Bloc ally, established an interest section in Tel Aviv. Speculation is that Hungary and Bulgaria may follow suit.

Israel's national unity government survived a series of crises. One crisis erupted in July, when Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai resigned after saying that Peres "knows as much about law as he does about economics." Another surfaced after Industry and Commerce Minister Ariel Sharon linked Peres' peace moves with the killing of 21 Turkish Jews in an Istanbul synagogue.

Deputy Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in line with Likud's 1984 agreement with Labor, is expected to replace Peres as Prime Minister in mid October. But Shamir does not have the full support of his Herut faction: In March, the Herut convention collapsed in chaos after David Levy, the deputy prime minister, and Ariel Sharon challenged Shamir for the party's leadership.

The most serious scandal to hit Israel in years was somewhat defused in August when the Supreme Court upheld the legality of a presidential pardon given the head of Israel's domestic intelligence agency and three of his aides.

The case, which revolves around the beating deaths of two Palestinian terrorists who hijacked a bus, led to the resignation of Shin Bet chieftain Avraham Shalom.

Israel was beset by religious wars pitting extreme Orthodox Jews against ultra secularists. A Tel Aviv synagogue was set on fire in retaliation for the burning of about 100 bus shelters which contained ads for skimpy women's swimsuits. The Israeli government denounced the violence, and the leader of the National Religious Party, Yosef Burg, lashed out at extremist Jews for "creating a rift in our people."

There was an upsurge of terrorism throughout the Mideast.

Palestinian gunmen killed three Israelis in Cyprus, prompting a cycle of violence. The Israeli Air Force, in its most daring raid in years, destroyed PLO headquarters near Tunis, the Tunisian capital. Palestinian terrorists hijacked an Italian cruiser, the Achille Lauro, and killed one of its passengers, an American Jew. U.S. Air Force planes intercepted an EgyptAir plane carrying the terrorists to a safe haven and forced it to land at a NATO base in Italy.

In Malta, 59 passengers aboard a hijacked EgyptAir plane were killed after Egyptian commandos stormed the aircraft. It is believed that the hijacking was carried out by the radical Abu Nidal Palestinian faction, which is supported by Libya.

The Reagan administration, after accusing Libya of masterminding terrorist attacks in Austria and Italy which claimed more than a dozen victims, took military action against the regime of Muammar Gadhafi. U.S. forces sank two Libyan naval vessels in the Gulf of Sidra and attacked an anti-aircraft missile base. A few weeks later, the U.S. Air Force raided Libyan military and civilian installations, wreaking widespread devastation but not toppling Gadhafi.

In Lebanon, Israel had its hands full, as usual. To prevent the infiltration of terrorists into Israel and to keep the PLO off balance, Israeli land and air forces continued to attack Palestinian bases in southern Lebanon.

Four years after Israel's invasion, Lebanon was as turbulent as ever, its basic problems still unsolved and perhaps insoluble. Nevertheless, Moslem, Christian and Druze leaders seemed close to working out some sort of constitutional arrangement which could lower the level of tension in that bedeviled land.

In the spring, there was a war scare as rumors of an imminent clash between Israel and Syria spread. Peres said Israel had no intention of going to war with Syria. But informed observers insisted that such a war may yet erupt, particularly in light of accusations by Israel that Syria was involved in two attempted bombings of El Al aircraft.

Elsewhere in the Middle East, Iran and Iraq were still fighting after seven years of bloody war that has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives. The war divided the Arab world, with Syria still backing Iran.

Israel's relationship with the U.S., its chief ally, was at an all-time high as Peres held talks in Washington with President Ronald Reagan in mid-September. But the unprecedented amity appeared threatened by a rash of spy cases involving Israelis or Israeli agents. The most important case revolves around Jonathan Pollard, a naval intelligence analyst who has pleaded guilty to passing secret documents to Israel.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres with King Hassan of Morocco.

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Opinion

But the sun will surely come out . . .

I shed no tears at the passing of year 5746

By
J. B. SALSBERG

How quickly the months rushed by! Once again we are on the threshold of a new year, according to the Jewish calendar! And, to tell the truth, I am not at all sure whether we should look back with regrets at the year 5746 or to sigh with relief that it is clearing the way for a new and, hopefully, better year ahead.

J. B. Salsberg

As I see it, the legacy of the outgoing year is, at best, a mixed bag of positive and negative values. From my viewpoint I can discern no meaningful solution to any of our people's basic problems and challenges during the past year.

Mind you, my friendly readers, there are those who argue that we are the architects of our own difficulties. Those simple-minded or cynical wiseacres ask: Why do we have to be different at all times? The non-Jewish new years are occasions for unbridled celebration. They are times for dining, wining, dancing, merrymaking . . . gathering at midnight in all the Times Squares around the world and in all the ballrooms of all the hotels everywhere to go wild at the very moment the clock strikes 12. (I'm reliably informed that even Jews, when they join the non-Jewish celebrants on the eve of the non-Jewish new year, become just as exuberant and as pagan as the rest of the delirious crowds.)

But the Jewish New Year is, of course, an entirely different matter. Even as the faint steps of an approaching Jewish new year is detected our people, stop smiling, they shudder at the first sounds of the historic shofar.

Yes, Jews are different, no? And, having been different for so very long, who would want to change Rosh Hashanah for a Times Square New Year? Heaven forbid! (Especially when one can "take in" both?) Yes, it's hard to be a Jew. But the fact that it is hard to be one may make it all the more attractive.

That being so we need to, in the manner of our tradition, become sober, serious and honest in our examinations of ourselves and our collective when on the threshold of the new year. So, let's take a birdseye view of our experience during the past year.

On the somewhat positive side we note:

- Israel, our unavoidably central concern, can note a number of positive achievements during the past year. The Shimon Peres-led coalition government has won the battle against inflation, though at a painful social and even demographic cost. (The burden of the poor became heaviest; too many left the country and too few arrived.)
- Israel broke down some of the walls that kept it in isolation from most of its Arab neighbors and the nations of the African continent. Shimon Peres' visits to Egypt, to Morocco and to Cameroon (Africa) constituted a major breakthrough. Peres' meaningful visit to the U.S., Canada and the United Nations, where he met formally with the foreign minister of the USSR, provide positive grounds for future accomplishments. **But, on the negative side:**

Israel politically fractured land

- Israel remains a politically fractured land. The number of political parties has not diminished and, if an election were held now, the straitjacket of coalition government would, I fear, still remain.
- Where, but in Israel, could one witness a situation like the one that prevails in the second largest political party, Herut, the centrepiece of the Likud, on the eve of its official leader's assumption of the prime-ministership of Israel? That party is split and divided into warring factions. Shamir, the nominal leader of Herut, the former Premier and present foreign minister, faced a shocking donnybrook at that party's last convention some six months ago. The convention was adjourned to reconvene "soon thereafter." But the warring factions failed, as yet, to arrive at an internal unity formula and the broken-up convention has not yet been reconvened. . . .
- The so-called "cultural war" in Israel has somewhat subsided. But the internecine war within the several camps of Orthodoxy and within the non-Orthodox political galaxies continues.

Sometimes one comes to a sad conclusion that whereas in the rest of the world it is axiomatic that "the whole is greater than all of its parts," in Israel altogether too many seem to behave as if the parts are greater than the whole. . . .

With such a legacy of the outgoing year is it any wonder that I feel so little regret at its departure?

And, does the Jewish experience elsewhere in the world offer a more cheerful balance sheet for the past year? I hope to offer my personal overview of the world Jewish picture at year's end in the weeks ahead.

In the meantime, let's not despair and let's not surrender to gloom. The sun will surely come out of its clouds and brighten the Jewish sky in the coming year. So:

Shanah Tova and a healthy and Happy New Year to all of you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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"OCH & VAY!" SHE SAYS

Re your articles of Aug. 28 concerning the attempt of Edward Greenspan and Alan Borovoy to raise the issue of freedom of speech in the Ernst Zundel appeal:

The fact that the Zundel trial was successful proved that our laws to stop hatemongers are effective.

Both Greenspan and Borovoy seem to be totally oblivious to the fact that Judge Hugh Locke, who presided over the Zundel trial, made it clear that freedom of speech was NOT an issue in Zundel's trial.

In the case of James Keegstra, Mr. Justice F. H. Quigley stated: "Hate laws do not infringe on freedom of speech. The hate law is rational because breeding hatred hurts society and no one has the right to degrade a segment of society."

In light of these statements by such renowned judiciaries, one wonders what possible reason Greenspan and Borovoy had to interfere as they did — unless it was to seek publicity for themselves.

In Germany in the 1930s, the Social Democrats, in the name of freedom of speech, vetoed a campaign to silence Hitler's anti-semitic propaganda.

"Och and vay" (woe unto us) if we have not learned a lesson from the Holocaust.

Rose Ehrenworth
Toronto

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PRESS FOR REPARATIONS

I thought your readers might be interested in my attempts to get further information about possible reparations from the government of the Federal Republic of Germany for Canadian servicemen held in Buchenwald during World War II.

On this issue, I recently received the following letter from Joe Clark, secretary of state for external affairs:

". . . You asked to be kept informed of any progress concerning the possibility that Canadian servicemen held in Buchenwald during World War II might be entitled to some form of reparation.

"On July 18, the foreign ministry of the Federal Republic of Germany informed our embassy in Bonn that all material received from us had been forwarded to the Finanzministerium. It administers the pension program The Canadian Jewish News had referred to in its editorial headed Pension Deserved.

"Our embassy expects to hear from the Finanzministerium in early September and has already been instructed to press for an answer from the German authorities by then.

Your interest in this matter has been duly noted, and you may rest assured that I will let you know of the outcome of our demarches."

Herb Gray MP
Ottawa

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JEWS NOT A MONOLITH

Your Sept. 11 editorial entitled "New Movement" accurately reflects the diverse nature of the Jewish people.

We Jews are not a monolith, but rather an international nation of varied philosophical and cultural persuasions.

You correctly point out that "the new movements in Jewish life give evidence of a Jewish community constantly striving for self-definition."

Most of today's Jews, whether in or out of synagogues, are philosophically secular, in that they believe that human experience, and not a supernatural force, determines how we humans should behave toward one another.

The secular Jewish movement, which draws sustenance from all of Jewish history, is expanding organizationally in North America, Israel and Europe.

The tangible manifestation of this expansion is a forthcoming conference in Detroit of the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews.

Your editorial has contributed to a better understanding of the fact that Jewish survival depends on the recognition that diverse philosophical streams make up the unity of the Jewish people.

Dr. Jerald Bain
Congress of Secular
Jewish Organizations
Toronto

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SAMMY CHEERS GERRY

Re the recent profile on me as a songwriter by Gerry Morris:

Bravo! Bravo! ! Bravo! !!

This was my life and I wish I'd had as much fun living it as I had reading it.

To put it in song form:

You cheer, you stamp, you whistle
When reading a Gerry Morris epistle.

Sammy Cahn
Los Angeles

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SALUTES HEROIC DOCTOR

With sadness I read the obituary on the passing of Dr. Imrich Yitzhak Rosenberg of Ottawa.

It must have brought a tear to many an eye of the people whose path ever crossed with Dr. Rosenberg.

The life story of this remarkable man is how a community leader rose up to challenge the darkest days of the Munich betrayal, the collapse and occupation of Czechoslovakia, and the horrors of the approaching war.

His unlimited service to the Jewish community, his devotion to saving Jewish lives, his efforts during the war and on the ashes of his liberated homeland stand as a living memorial for all of us . . . to learn, to admire and to cherish.

To the list of his accomplishments may I also add that he was instrumental in the transfer to England of 300 children, almost all orphans, from the Terezin camp. Some of these children of Terezin live in Canada and share this loss with the "family."

Wolf Rosenblatt
Toronto

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HE ALSO TESTS BONES

Re Paul Lungen's Sept. 11 article on the use of a bone densitometer which you headed: "Device tests bones fast and painlessly":

In the article, it is indicated that there are only two such advanced machines in Toronto, one at the Toronto Nuclear Medical Services and the other at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

This is quite inaccurate.

Our community hospital, the Northwestern General, has had this equipment in place for some months now. I do not know if other institutions have the equipment presently available or on order.

I only draw this to your attention because the information would be misleading to your readership, and inappropriately direct patient inquiries to a select group of clinicians.

Dr. S. Kingstone
Toronto

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SHARES CREDIT WITH OTHERS

Much though I appreciate your Montreal edition's recent review of the Festschrift in my honor, I am embarassed by the reference to me as the founder of Congregation Beth El.

Such wonderful men as Monty Berger, Milton Stober, Henry Pollock, Lou Jason, Butch Zelibrovitz and many others were the truly hard-working co-founders of the congregation and should be so credited.

Lavy Becker
Montreal

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HE LOST MANY RELATIVES

I would like to correct a mistake made in the editing of my Sept. 18 letter headed "Waldheimer - joke not funny."

I did not lose just one relative to the Nazis. I lost many!

What I intended to indicate was that I lost a close relative to Alzheimer's disease.

Shlomo Yehudah Yisroel
Toronto

Sammy Cahn; The noted songwriter cheers, stamps and whistles after reading CJN article about his career.

Opinion

But 400,000 other Refuseniks are still waiting

The year 5746 saw freedom for Scharansky . . .

What a year 5746 has been!

At long last, Anatoly Scharansky was released, and his brother and mother. Israel and Morocco's heads of state met in the first formal Arab-Jewish summit in nine years. And Prime Minister Peres has just met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

The U.S.'s first Jewish astronaut, Judy Resnik, was killed with her crew when the space shuttle Challenger exploded.

Religious tensions in Israel flared. Jews were murdered in Larnaca, aboard the Achille Lauro, and in Beirut; a hate-crazed Egyptian soldier shot seven Israeli tourists to death in the Sinai as his fellows looked on. In Turkey, 21 Jews were massacred in a synagogue by Arab terrorists. Controversial Kurt Waldheim was elected president of Austria.

Two of Judaism's leading authorities, Rabbis Moshe Feinstein and Jacob Kamenetzky, died within days of each other in New York.

Obituaries were also written for Benny Goodman, Bernard Malamud, Allan Jay Lerner and other prominent intellectuals and entertainers.

Raoul Wallenberg was named its first honorary citizen by Canada. The student Freedom Caravan traveled across Canada to rally support for Soviet Jewry. Manifestations of racial hatred reared their heads. The Canadian Jewish Congress elected its first woman president, Montrealer Dorothy Reitman.

CJN staffers Janice Arnold, David Birkan, Ron Csillag, Mark Dodick, Sheldon Kirshner, Paul Lungen, Frank Rasky and Jeff Rosen elaborate.

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No doubt a major highlight of the past year was the release of Anatoly Scharansky, the Soviet Union's best-known Prisoner of Conscience and the very symbol of the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Scharansky, the 38-year-old balding little computer scientist, walked to freedom across the Glienicke Bridge, linking East to West, on Feb. 11, after serving nearly nine brutal years in a Soviet prison on charges of spying for the CIA.

The world watched with rapture as this man in baggy pants who endured so much, went in one day from a Soviet prison to Jerusalem's Western Wall, carried on the shoulders of a surging crowd, with prayer book in hand.

Much to the pleasant surprise of world Jewry, the Soviets kept their word in allowing the rest of Scharansky's family to join him and his wife Avital in Israel. In late August, Scharansky's mother, Ida Milgrom, and his brother Leonid, his wife and their two sons, left the Soviet Union for their triumphant reunion with Anatoly, or Natan, as he has come to be known in Hebrew.

The situation for the Soviet Union's remaining 400,000 or so Refuseniks wasn't as sunny. In all of 1985, just 1,139 Jews were allowed to emigrate and only 423 left in the first seven months of 1986.

Just prior to his summit meeting last fall with President Ronald Reagan, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev stated, "I would be glad to hear of Jews enjoying anywhere such political and other rights as they have in our country."

Last August, a historic meeting between Soviet and Israeli officials in Helsinki broke off after only 90 minutes, presumably because the touchy subject of Soviet Jewish emigration was raised by the Israelis. The possible re-establishment of consular ties between the Soviet Union and Israel was seen warily by many as a way for the Soviets to gain a toehold in Mideast peace talks.

On other international fronts, the election of Kurt Waldheim to the presidency of Austria shocked the world and sent a shiver up the spines of Jews everywhere. Substantiated charges by the World Jewish Congress and The New York Times that Waldheim, as a German army officer during World War II, ordered the deportation and killings of thousands of Jews, Greek partisans and others in the Balkans, were heatedly denied by the former United Nations Secretary-General.

At first, Waldheim had said he was discharged from the German army after being wounded in 1941 and returned to Vienna to study law. But later, he amended his story to say that while he did return to military duty, it had been as a translator. Throughout, Waldheim denied his Nazi links in the face of mounting evidence to the contrary and said the charges were a smear campaign directed by the WJC. Despite an inconclusive preliminary vote, Waldheim was elected president, a largely ceremonial post, in a runoff on June 8.

Andrija Artukovic, the 86-year-old former interior minister of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, was sentenced to death in May by a Yugolslavian court for war crimes and crimes against humanity. The death sentence was upheld by Yugoslavia's Federal Court in September.

The shroud-covered body of Rafael Nesim, a victim of the Shabbat murders in an Istanbul synagogue, is lowered into a grave in Israel. Nesim was one of two Israelis who died in the terrorist attack. [Religious News Service photo]

Artukovic, who had been deported by the United States on Feb. 12 after living in California since 1948, stood accused of involvement in the killing of at least 700,000 Serbs, Jews and gypsies during World War II. He was found guilty of the charges in a Zagreb court after an emotional month-long trial.

In September, Artukovic's lawyers said they would appeal the death sentence.

Another sensational Nazi trial got under way in Israel in March. John Demjanjuk, a 66-year-old retired auto worker from Cleveland, became the first suspected Nazi war criminal to be extradited from the U.S. to Israel to face charges that he had operated the gas chambers at Treblinka, where at least 900,000 Jews were killed. Formal charges have yet to be laid and Demjanjuk remains in an Israeli prison. The Israeli justice department says Demjanjuk's trial will start in early 1987.

A Ukrainian, Demjanjuk denied the charges at his preliminary hearing, saying he was a victim of a Soviet-backed frameup. Doubts about his guilt grew when a Spanish survivor of Treblinka testified that Demjanjuk was the wrong man. If found guilty, Demjanjuk faces the death penalty.

On a brighter note, the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the umbrella body of the world's 1.3 million Reform, Liberal and Progressive Jews, met in Toronto in April, the first time the organization convened outside Europe or Israel.

After a 5-day convention, the WUPJ sounded an unprecedented and overwhelming willingness to iron out differences between them, Conservative and Orthodox factions, but vowed to stick to their guns on controversial issues like patrilineal descent, conversion and interpreting Jewish law.

In a year of triumph and tragedy, the January explosion of the space shuttle Challenger and the loss of its crew was felt as a calamity throughout the world. The Jewish community had a special reason to grieve: Judith Resnik, the first Jewish astronaut, was one of the seven astronauts who lost their lives in the fiery accident.

A service in Resnik's memory drew more than 1,000 mourners to pay their respects at Temple Israel, in Akron, her home town. She was eulogized as a sensitive, talented and private person — not only a scientist, but a classical pianist as well. A mission specialist on Challenger, Resnik was an electrical engineer. She received her doctorate from the University of Maryland in 1977. Resnik had also spent some time training for her shuttle duties at Spar Aerospace in Toronto.

Not long after the tragedy, JTA reported from Jerusalem that the Jewish National Fund planned to plant a forest of thousands of trees in memory of the astronauts. It was also announced that a physiotherapy room at the Beit Halochim (rehabilitation centre) in Jerusalem would be established in their memory.

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Long suppressed religious issues involving Israel and the Diaspora came close to bursting over the past year.

Still unresolved are:

• **The nature of Ethiopian olim's formal salute to modern Judaism.** Some have continued to demonstrate in Israel against the minimal Orthodox demands of ritual immersion, rejecting the offer of various officials to accompany them into the mikvah. They say their Judaism goes back uninterrupted to King Solomon's time and would be denigrated by any symbolic conversion. Israeli religious leaders cite lack of verification, the probable inclusion of significant numbers of non-Jews in the Ethiopians' midst over the centuries, and the need for them to recognize the supremacy of modern halacha as necessitating the proposed ceremony.

• **Flaring tensions between zealous Orthodox and secular Jews in Israel.** The past year's round of symbolic hostility was set off by the placement of risque advertising posters at bus booths, an affront to the residents of many religious neighborhoods. The perennial underlying issue remains. The ultra-Orthodox maintain that the administration of the Holy Land by a Jewish government that is secular and not halachically based constitutes a dangerous affront to Jewish tradition and to God. One group, the Neturei Karta, applied for representation to the PLO's Palestine National Council.

• **The final form of Israel's Law of Return.** Orthodox pressures within Israel and without to exclude Reform-converted individuals from the Israeli definition of Jews were defeated in the Knesset. Prime Minister Peres asked for a 15-year moratorium.

• **The final disposition of the Temple Mount,** Judaism's holiest site from the time Abraham nearly sacrificed his son Isaac on its slope nearly 4,000 years ago. Shlomo Goren, Chief Rabbi of the IDF when Jerusalem was retaken by the Jews in the Six Day War, launched a new movement to persuade the Israeli government to take the Temple Mount back from the Arabs. He drew clear distinctions beween areas ritually permissible and non-permissible to Jews, a prerequisite for a Jewish presence on the Mount. The non-permissible area, the site of the Holy of Holies, is relatively small and well defined.

• **The fate of the Mormon centre to be built in Jerusalem.** Jews of various beliefs and some Arabs have united to oppose its construction. Based on leaked memos, the Mormon propensity to project its Church of the Latter Day Saints, and the proposed centre's proximity to the Hebrew University's brimming Mt. Scopus campus, the opponents fear it will be used for proselytizing. In fact, Israeli religious affairs minister Yosef Burg — head of the National Religious Party — head of a Knesset committee to decide the centre's fate, declared that it was too late to stop the project.

In the U.S.:

• Reform leaders pledged to step up demands for more say in Israeli religious affairs.

• The (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly voted down patrilineal descent. This principle also deems as Jewish the children of a Jewish father whether the mother was Jewish or not. It was adopted by the Reform movement several years ago.

• Ner Israel Yeshiva (Toronto) graduate Neil Rosenblum was gunned down erev Pesach in Pittsburgh. Despite a substantial reward — much of it raised in Toronto — his murderers remain at large.

Two of modern Jewry's leading sages died, within days of each other, in March, in New York. Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, foremost halachist, who pioneered decisions on birth control, test tube babies and autopsies, passed away at 91. Rabbi Yaakov Kamenetzky, an Agudat Israel leader, who served in Toronto in the 40s, was 95.

In Canada, Ontario's legislature passed a law facilitating the obtaining of a get by either party in a divorce.

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The Deschenes Commission continued its investigation into Nazi war criminals living in Canada, with the federal government extending the probe's mandate to Sept. 30.

Despite the extra time to complete its work — its original Dec. 31, 1985 deadline had already been extended to June 30 — the federal probe decided not to travel to the Soviet Union to gather evidence.

At first, Commission spokesmen claimed absence of Soviet agreement to several conditions prevented the extraterritorial evidence-gathering trip. However after the Soviets agreed to all conditions — including a stipulation witnesses be questioned in accordance with Canadian rules of evidence — the Commission claimed insufficient time for a foreign trip.

Spokesmen for Jewish organizations questioned the sincerity of the Commission in requesting access to Soviet-based evidence. David Matas, lawyer for the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada, said the Commission decision "tainted its credibility and cast doubt" on its report.

Sol Littman, Canadian representative for the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said fears of triggering opposition from groups of East European origin was likely a factor in the Commission's decision.

Earlier, Soviet diplomats in Canada informed the Commission and the media that 34 witnesses in the Soviet Union were prepared to testify against two Canadians — one of them a former Toronto-area businessman.

A Soviet spokesman said the two are "accused of the mass execution of Soviet citizens during the war." One of the men, the Soviets said, was part of a Ukrainian unit which killed at least 100 men, women and children.

Meanwhile, Prof. Irwin Cotler, Canadian Jewish Congress' counsel to the Commission, repeated a call for the inquiry to follow evidentiary trails wherever they may lead, including the Soviet Union.

He also called on the Commission to review the files of the UN Commission on War Crimes. Cotler noted Canada had been a member of the UN Commission, had evaluated dossiers of suspected war criminals and had received individual files of suspected Nazis.

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Congress was one of a number of losers in a court challenge to Ontario legislation that extended government funding to Roman Catholic schools but not to Jewish schools.

Congress had argued before the Ontario Court of Appeal that Bill 30 favored one religious group and was unconstitutional. Congress lawyers stated that if Catholic schools were to receive funding through grade 13, then equality provisions under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms require similar treatment to Jewish schools.

The court rejected that argument saying Catholic schools may receive special treatment as a result of the bargain struck at Confederation — a bargain that is not superceded by the Charter.

Congress, as well as other groups which intervened in the case, is appealing the decision to

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Opinion

Reitman stresses need to broaden constituency

. . . and first woman was elected president of CJC

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the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bernard Shapiro, former director of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, noted in a 1-man report which studied the question of public funding of private schools that the government decision "appears to be more clearly an act of political will than a fulfilment of a constitutional obligation." He suggested government funding only for Catholics was discriminatory.

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Forty-one years after the disappearance of Raoul Wallenberg, the former Swedish diplomat was named the first honorary citizen of Canada in December. A month later, he was named Israel's first honorary citizen.

To mark the anniversary, Per Anger, an attache in the Swedish embassy in Budapest during World War II, held a nationwide tour of Canada organized by the Generation After Committee of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, with Canadian Jewish Congress.

Anger worked with Wallenberg to save the Jewish community in Budapest and together they issued provisional Swedish passports putting thousands under the protection of the Swedish government.

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Jewish communities across Canada were joined this spring in common interest for their brothers and sisters in the USSR by the Jewish Students' Network Freedom Caravan For Soviet Jewry.

Starting in Halifax and stopping to hold special events with 15 Jewish communities, the participants covered more than 7,000 kms. carrying the message that Jews in the Soviet Union must have their freedom.

The protesters brought their message of hope directly into the Soviet pavilion at Expo 86 in Vancouver, satisfied that their 2½-week long demonstration had brought small Jewish communities together on a crucial issue, and that they had sensitized the Canadian public to the plight of Soviet Jews.

The Freedom Caravan, first proposed at Network's International Convention in Toronto in December, was only one of several events Network initiated to focus attention on issues of Jewish concern. Among the other Network-sponsored activities were a day-long demonstration and lobby effort in Ottawa against terrorism in March; and a protest outside the Austrian consulate in Toronto against Kurt Waldheim in July.

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The Ontario government implemented a variety of programs to enable senior citizens to stay in their homes as long as possible.

John Sweeney, community and social services minister, announced a 2-pronged plan in February calling for $11 million to be spent to maintain and expand services for the elderly and $60 million to be spent over the next few years to introduce the Integrated Homemaker Program for frail seniors and handicapped adults.

Seniors' programs also received a much needed boost in Ontario treasurer Robert Nixon's spring budget which saw $13.5 million allocated for new and existing programs to strengthen services for seniors. Nixon also announced that the government would provide $850 million for a 5-year expansion program to improve hospitals.

An independent public review committee was appointed by the Ontario government to examine the overall direction of social assistance in Ontario in July.

Sweeney said the review would lay the foundation for the enactment of new income maintenance legislation in Ontario.

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Ontario's contentious Retail Business Holidays Act governing Sunday shopping hours shifted to the judicial arena as the Supreme Court of Canada heard the appeals of business owners charged for staying open Sunday.

Following three days of hearings, the Supreme Court heard and reserved judgment on the appeals of Longo Brothers Fruit Market, Edwards Books and Art Ltd. and furrier Paul Magder, after government lawyers defended the 11-year-old law against charges that it violates the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion.

At the provincial level, the Progressive Conservative Task Force on Sunday Shopping Hours recommended that the Ontario government should maintain its ban on open Sunday shopping, while making a number of amendments to the Retail Business Holidays Act to bring it into line with the needs of modern Ontario.

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The 21st Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress was held in Toronto May 7-11. Dorothy Reitman of Montreal was elected presdient, defeating Moshe Ronen of Toronto in a closely contested election campaign.

Reitman, the first woman president of CJC, promised "balanced, sensitive and responsible leadership" and emphasized the need to broaden CJC's constituency by reaching out to more segments of the Jewish community, particularly youth, Sephardim, and those living in small, isolated centres. She also stressed that Jews should be more visible in current social issues. "As Jews, we have a duty to be in the vanguard of social issues today to fulfil the tradition of prophetic Judaism."

Close to 900 delegates from across the country attended five days of workshops, forums and plenary sessions on the overall theme of Canadian Jewry: New Directions. Many of the resolutions adopted reflected a trend to more involvement by CJC in issues outside the strictly Jewish sphere. Positions were taken on poverty, capital punishment, employment equity, child care, peace and rights of the disabled, for example.

Despite the declaration of opening CJC to a wider spectrum of the Jewish community, the delegates defeated a resolution, originating in Montreal, to make a major amendment to the bylaws concerning membership. The assembly decided to keep the status quo: appropriate contribution to one's local United Israel Appeal campaign and subscription to the "aims and objectives" of CJC remain criteria for membership.

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Ten Jewish giants over the past year played their last scene, wrote their last sentence, composed their last song, directed their last film, and made their last final exit from the world of lively arts.

Here are highlights from the obituaries of the talented 10, who left behind a legacy of lasting pleasure in their ability to charm us, entertain us, or make us think.

Bernard Malamud, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author who was regarded internationally as the "father of the Jewish American novel," died at 71.

"Somebody has to cry — even if it's a writer 20 years later," he said of his novels dealing with the Holocaust.

Laura Z. Hobson, author of the landmark 1946 novel *Gentleman's Agreement*, died at 85.

Her credo as a crusader against bigotry and injustice toward Jews began with these words: "All through my life I have tried to do battle with nay-sayers — those cautious ones, those people in foreign consulates who close doors, those senators who vote down the good and strong laws that could save lives . . ."

Benny Goodman, who reigned for half a century as the King of Swing and was the first major white band leader to cross the color line and reject racial barriers against Black musicians, died at 77.

Alan Jay Lerner, the Oscar-winning lyricist who wrote such ever-vernal musical valentines as *My Fair Lady*, *Gigi*, *Camelot*, *Brigadoon* and *Paint Your Wagon*, died at 67.

He didn't believe in Broadway musicals that delivered a social message. "To me," he declared, "the best message a musical play can convey is: 'Come back and see me again and often.' "

Harold Arlen, the Oscar-winning composer whose output of more than 500 Jewish-and-jazz flavored songs won him the title of Prince of Tin Pan Alley, died at 81.

Born Chaim Arluk, the son of a Buffalo cantor, he said the strain of blues in his father's singing at *shul* influenced him when he wrote such ballads as *Over The Rainbow*, *Blues In The Night*, *Stormy Weather*, and *That Old Black Magic*.

Lilli Palmer, the Austrian-born Jewess who escaped from the Nazi regime to become an internationally renowned actress and author, died at 71.

In her best selling autobiography, *Change Lobsters — And Dance*, she wrote most poignantly about what it was like to be Jewish and talented and persecuted in Hitler's Germany.

Otto Preminger, the director who dared to flout Hollywood convention by tackling *Exodus* as well as other controversial films dealing with sex and drug addiction, died at 80.

The grandson of an Austrian talmudic scholar, he recounted in his autobiography titled *Preminger* how his refusal to convert to Catholicism and thus stay in Vienna probably saved his life. "Because, for Hitler," he wrote, "converted or not, a Jew remains a Jew."

Bert Pearl, Canada's first entertainment superstar who emceed the longest-running program in the history of Canadian radio, died at 73.

The Winnipeg-born showman, versatile as a pianist, songwriter and all-around entertainer, was host to *The Happy Gang*, which was broadcast coast to coast five days a week from 1937 to 1959.

Toby Robins, the actress best known as "the beautiful but brainy" panelist on CBC's *Front Page Challenge*, died at 55.

When she was alive, she said she hated being "the eternal sweet-young-thing ingenue" and Canada's "prettiest actress." After her death, she was hailed by Bernard Cowan, longtime announcer of the popular TV panel show as "a true Jewish lady of the theatre."

Charles Jordan, the nationally known CBC radio baritone in the 1950s when he was the first to popularize robust Canadian folk songs, died at 71.

Born Charles Wiseman in Mordecai Richler's St. Urbain St. ghetto in Montreal, he was also renowned for his powerful rendition at concerts of Yiddish folk songs, most notably *The Chazan, Zunteg Bulba* and the heroic *Ballad Of The Vilna Ghetto Resistance*.

Anatoly Scharansky is reunited with his mother Ida Milgrom in Israel. [IPPA photo]

Alpert's 10 "new names" made headlines in Israel

CARL ALPERT, The CJN's Israel correspondent, makes his annual selection of the new names which made headlines in Israel during the past year. Once listed, a name does not qualify again for Alpert's list.

So these are the names of new personalities who, for better or worse, attracted major attention in Israel. The order is alphabetical.

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Moshe Bejski, justice of the Supreme Court, headed the commission of inquiry that shook up Israel's banking system following their rigging of bank shares, which led to a collapse of bank securities. The heads of all the major banks and the governor of the Bank of Israel were compelled to resign, and major reforms in the system were recommended.

George Bush, vice-president of the U.S., paid a 4-day visit to Israel which was regarded by many as symbolizing the continued close and friendly relations between Israel and the U.S.

King Hassan of Morocco made history when he invited Premier Shimon Peres for a visit to clarify respective Israel and Arab stands on Middle East issues. Through a joint communique issued at the conclusion of the meeting, each side made it clear that it could not accept the views of the other.

Jonathan Jay Pollard, U.S. naval intelligence analyst in Washington was accused of spying for Israel and of handing top secret documents over to Israeli agents. The charge was that Israel embassy officials had recruited Pollard and had made payments to him for his services. The case caused considerable embarrassment to Israel, and was exploited by foes of the country seeking to worsen Israel-U.S. relations.

Rita, a new, home-grown singing-acting star appeared in the entertainment sky suddenly during the year. A powerful voice, a sparkling personality, and public sympathy for her because she was not chosen as Israel's representative to the Eurovision contest, helped considerably by a skilful public relations campaign, made her an instant hit. Her role as Liza in the revival of the Hebrew version of *My Fair Lady*, assures that this is a star which will continue to shine brightly.

Nathan Scharansky came home to Israel after nine years of a 13-year sentence in a Soviet jail. He was released as part of an East-West prisoner exchange, and has since come to symbolize the unquenchable desire for freedom by Russian Jewry. His wife, Avital, who had led the tireless fight for his release, withdrew from the headlines, but her devoted and persistent efforts on his behalf have not been forgotten.

Avraham Shalom, head of the General Security Service of Israel (the Shin Bet) found himself the centre of a public scandal when it was revealed that two Arab terrorists, apprehended during their murderous hijacking of a bus in Israel, had been killed after their capture. Public indignation was stimulated against the fact that secret service operatives had at first denied the facts and had sought to cover up. Shalom and his colleagues were pardoned by President Herzog before being tried.

Kurt Waldheim made headlines in Israel as he ran for election as president of Austria, despite mounting evidence both of his participation in Nazi war crimes as well as his attempt to conceal the past. Indignation in Israel not withstanding, the Austrian electorate gave him a vote of confidence.

Chava Yaari, wife of one of Israel TV's most popular news commentators, was accused of the murder of a woman in Tel Aviv to cover up alleged thefts of money. The case was marked by extensive press coverage and emotionally charged scenes.

And for those with long memories, the following are the 10 names which made the list last year. How many do you remember? David Balas, Ruth Davidov, Abdel Wagab Darousha, Miriam Groff, Pinchas Groob, Hadas Kedmi, Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, Moshe Schachal, Dr. Avraham Suhami and Yitzhak Tunik.

World-National

Montrealer sets goal of uniting Jews behind organization

Levine is elected as president of UIA Canada

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Montreal community leader Martin Levine succeeds Allan Offman of Toronto as president of United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc. He was elected at the recent annual general meeting held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue here.

Offman moves to the newly created post of deputy chairman, and Charles Bronfman remains as chairman.

The national meeting was held in conjunction with the Ontario Region meeting of UIA. Guest speakers at the national meeting were Dr. Avraham Avi-hai, world chairman of UIA-Keren Hayesod and Rabbi Richard Hirsch, executive director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

Levine, vice-president and director of the Pascal Group of Companies, starts his term with the goal of uniting the Canadian Jewish community behind UIA.

Towards that end he said he intends "to visit every Jewish community in Canada during the next year, including repeat visits to Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, and Ottawa," which he has visited in the last month.

"Our communities in conjunction with UIA and Keren Hayesod are likely to top all previous levels of contributions," he said, adding that the Women's Division is working to raise 15% of the total.

Levine, who serves as an advisor to Montreal's Combined Jewish Appeal, concluded his remarks to the meeting by saying that "ours is the responsibility to weave a special fabric within society, to create a better garden in which to live."

Offman, reflecting on his term, said the complex mandate of UIA in Canada demanded the creation of a Projects Commission to oversee major projects in Israel.

The commission, he said, would carefully adjudicate the value of projects. He added that one third of Canadian allocations to Israel through UIA is in the form of innovative projects.

Current projects include: bringing children from poor home environments to a better setting in Kibbutz Sasa; building a community recreation centre for those in high tech jobs living in Nes Ziona (which is also being separately funded by the Wilfred Posluns family); a rehabilitation facility and auditorium in Kiryat Shemona (named for the Phil Granovsky family); a recreational facility in Metullah (by the Ottawa community in memory of Hy Hochberg); and a vocational training school in Nazareth.

Canadian commitment to UIA has been reflected in

Martin Levine

Allan Offman

the increases in allocations, said Offman, noting that central fund raising campaigns here on a per capita basis are three times greater than American contributions.

And while American missions to Israel have dropped 40% because of the fear of terrorism, Canadian missions have climbed in the same period by 40%, he said.

Offman said his period as president was a demanding one because of the complexity of Canadian and Israeli laws.

But during his tenure, he said awareness of UIA was fostered through missions; a documented, annual report of UIA's activities was produced; and operations in Israel were rationalized.

Offman said he was very impressed by the dedication Jewish communities across the country showed to Israel through UIA and their interest in what has been accomplished.

Avraham Avi-hai focused his remarks on how the campaign has been presented, criticizing the emphasis on local priorities.

Organizers, he said, list specific local community needs first and Israel as an entity last when they approach contributors.

But, "Israel is the source of fund raising and should be seen as a cause for Jewish survival and existence."

Rabbi Richard Hirsch presented an analysis of the current political, economic and social situation in Israel. Of four major problems the country faces, three are soluble, the last is not, he said.

The economic problems are slowly being solved; the clash between Ashkenazim and Sephardim is being alleviated through "assimilation," and the peace process is moving slowly but surely to a solution.

However, Hirsch said, the rift between the ultra-Orthodox and non-Orthodox in Israel has no solution and will rip the Israeli society apart.

Because the Orthodox wield so much power, the Conservative and Reform movements should combine in Israel for religious-political reasons, Hirsch said.

And Diaspora Jewry has an interest in the outcome of this conflict, and must get involved, he said.

Major awards presented at the meeting include a project honoring Allan Offman to be named later; a perpetual scholarship for two students from Yaffo Dalet for outgoing Women's Division president Rosalind Karby; and a gift to Zvi Garcy, special emissary to English speaking countries from Keren Hayesod.

The other executives of the new board are: vice-presidents, Lois "Snookie" Bessner (Women's Division president), Harold Brownstein, Dr. Charles Gold, Dr. Gerald Halbert, Frank Kettner, Sol Lederman, Wilfred Posluns; treasurer, Orin Krivel; co-treasurers, Charles Diamond, Adrienne Offman; corporate secretary, Schuyler Sigel; assistant secretary, Lois Raphael; honorary legal counsel, Donald Carr; chairman of unfederated communities, Sam Taylor; Atlantic Region chairman, Martin Chernin; Ontario Region chairman, David Steinberg.

Paris receives protest on Waldheim and treaty

PARIS —
The president of the French section of the World Jewish Congress has protested to the French government that Kurt Waldheim in the Austrian presidency represents a violation of the 1955 Austrian State Treaty of which France was a signatory nation.

"In May, 1955, our country signed an agreement with the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union" to re-establish Austrian independence, M. Dreyfus-Schmidt said in a letter to Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raymond.

One of the denazification provisions of the treaty states that members of the Nazi Party, the SS, SA and other Nazi organizations cannot serve in the Austrian armed forces with the exception of "those persons who were discharged by the appropriate body in accordance with Austrian law," Dreyfus-Schmidt said.

The State Treaty became integrated into the Austrian constitution, he added.

Immediately after the inauguration ceremonies on July 8, Waldheim, who was proven to belong to the SA (Brown-shirts) and two other Nazi groups and who was never "denazified," formally took control of the Austrian armed forces, the WJC official said.

"This, Mr. minister, is a clear violation of the 1955 treaty, which is still in force today," he stated.

"I am forwarding this information to you and the government of France, fully conscious that its position at the forefront of the battle for human rights will clearly determine its moral and legal position concerning the abrogation of the 1955 treaty (by) the Austrian government."

American and British legislators had previously raised the issue of Waldheim and the treaty with their governments (CJN Sept. 11).

Police unit to fight thefts of vehicles

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
The Israel police will establish a special unit to try, to fight the national rash of vehicle thefts.

Through August this year, 8,000 cars have been stolen inside Israel, and 2,500 of them have never been found.

Police suspect that the missing vehicles have been dismantled by thieves, mainly in the Gaza Strip and the Israeli-Arab "Little Triangle" area north of Petah Tikva, with the parts sold to local garages.

The police said they planned aerial surveys to try to trace stolen vehicles hidden in orange groves until they are dismantled.

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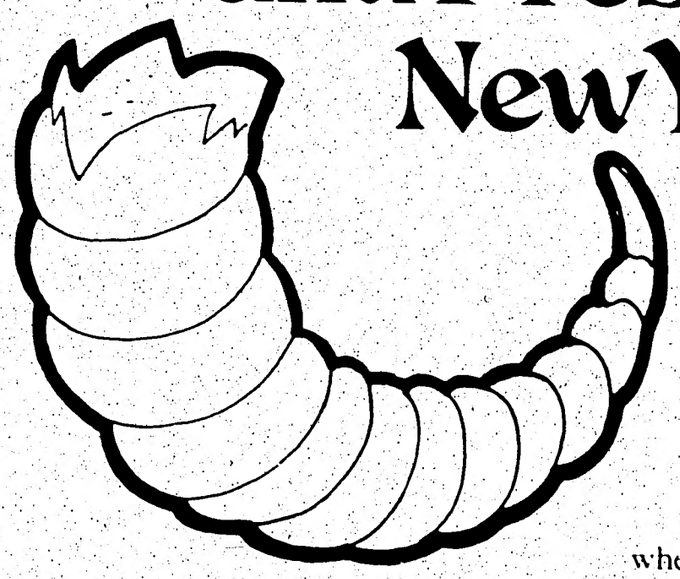

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Tell Gorbachev, MP Kilgour urges

Member of Parliament DAVID KILGOUR (PC-Edmonton-Strathcona) is chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry. In the following, Kilgour reflects on Martin Gilbert's recent book about former dissident Anatoly Scharansky and on the aftermath of his release.

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David Kilgour

The recent publication of Martin Gilbert's superb biography of Anatoly Scharansky, while obviously itself constituting a major boost to the ongoing cause of Soviet Jewry, also raises by implication important questions for many around the world, including Canadians.

Did each of us do enough personally to help his wife and mother win his release? Irwin Cotler, Barbara Stern, Marty Penn and numerous other individuals across Canada did much over the years, but could the rest of us not somehow all have done more, including our department of external affairs and its successive ministers?

Now that Anatoly, Avital, Ida Milgrom, and the immediate family are finally together in Israel, where do we all go from here? Will complacency result or will Anatoly's zest and concern for the thousands of Refuseniks left behind him prove contagious?

In my judgment, Anatoly, Andrei Sakharov and Alexandre Solzhenitsyn are only the best-known of a host of heroic men and women still within the Soviet Union who have dared to say "no" to the brute force of the Soviet regime in recent decades. Untold thousands of other less well known Jews and others have done it only to pay large personal prices for their courage. What about, for example, figures like Ida Nudel, Naum and Inna Meiman, Ben and Tatyana Bolgomony, Roold Zelichenok, Iosif and Inna Begun, Iosif Berenstein, and Valdimir Lifshits?

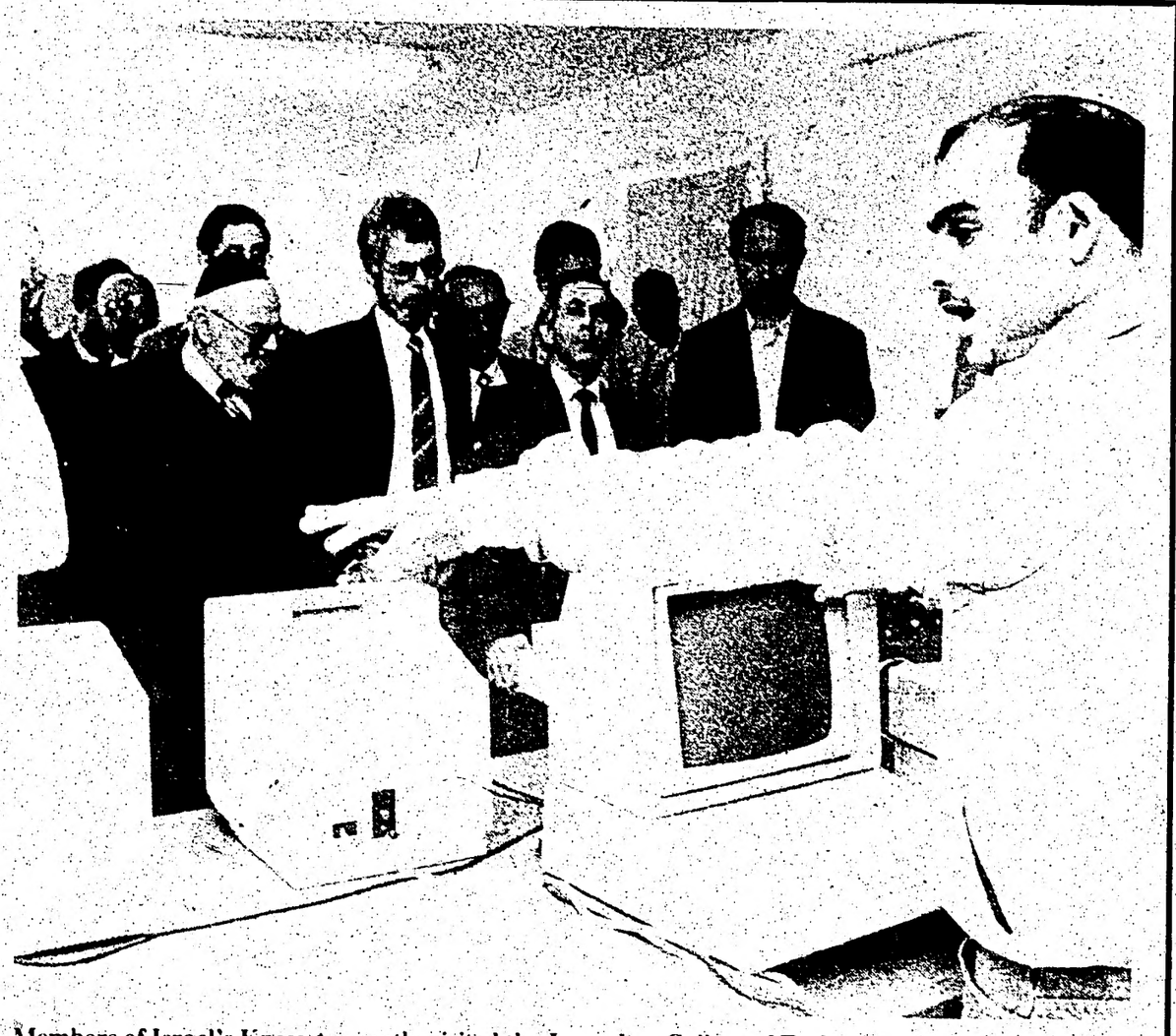
Anatoly is a unique, precious and truly heroic figure as virtually eveyone else who has ever met him knows. If only everyone on earth, or at least every Canadian, could read Gilbert's *Scharansky: Hero of our Time!*

For a considerable time, I had supposed that the person who ultimately made the difference for his release was Avital, but Irwin Cotler, with characteristic personal modesty, insists that it was Ida and Avital who together probably made the difference.

How many of us can fully comprehend Ida's unsuccessful attempts during Anatoly's 1982 hunger strike to visit him in the infamous Chistopol prison? Gilbert describes it in his book: "For ten days, she remained there, offering, if she were allowed to see him, to persuade him to end his hunger strike. Her offer was rejected. No letters were to be allowed, and the hunger strike could go on."

It strikes me that all of us in the cause should be enormously heartened by the Scharansky experience. For one thing, it is an indication that Mikhail Gorbachev's Soviet Union is sensitive to public relations and this new reality gives us an opportunity to apply more effective pressure in the arena of world opinion in the months and years ahead. It must at the same time be noted with regret that the systematic persecution of Jews and other minorities throughout the Soviet Union has clearly increased since the arrival of Gorbachev to power.

Two good opportunities to apply pressure later this fall should be the Vienna review of the ongoing Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and SUMMIT II, presumably to be held in Washington before the end of this year. If 400,000 men and women from Canada and the U.S., each representing one of the approximate 400,000 known Refuseniks still in the USSR, will trouble themselves to greet Mr. Gorbachev there it will have a real impact. Anatoly himself has endorsed the Washington mobilization strongly.



Members of Israel's Knesset recently visited the Jerusalem College of Technology for a demonstration of the computerized voting system developed by JCT students. Computerized voting will soon replace the old show-of-hands voting method in the Knesset.

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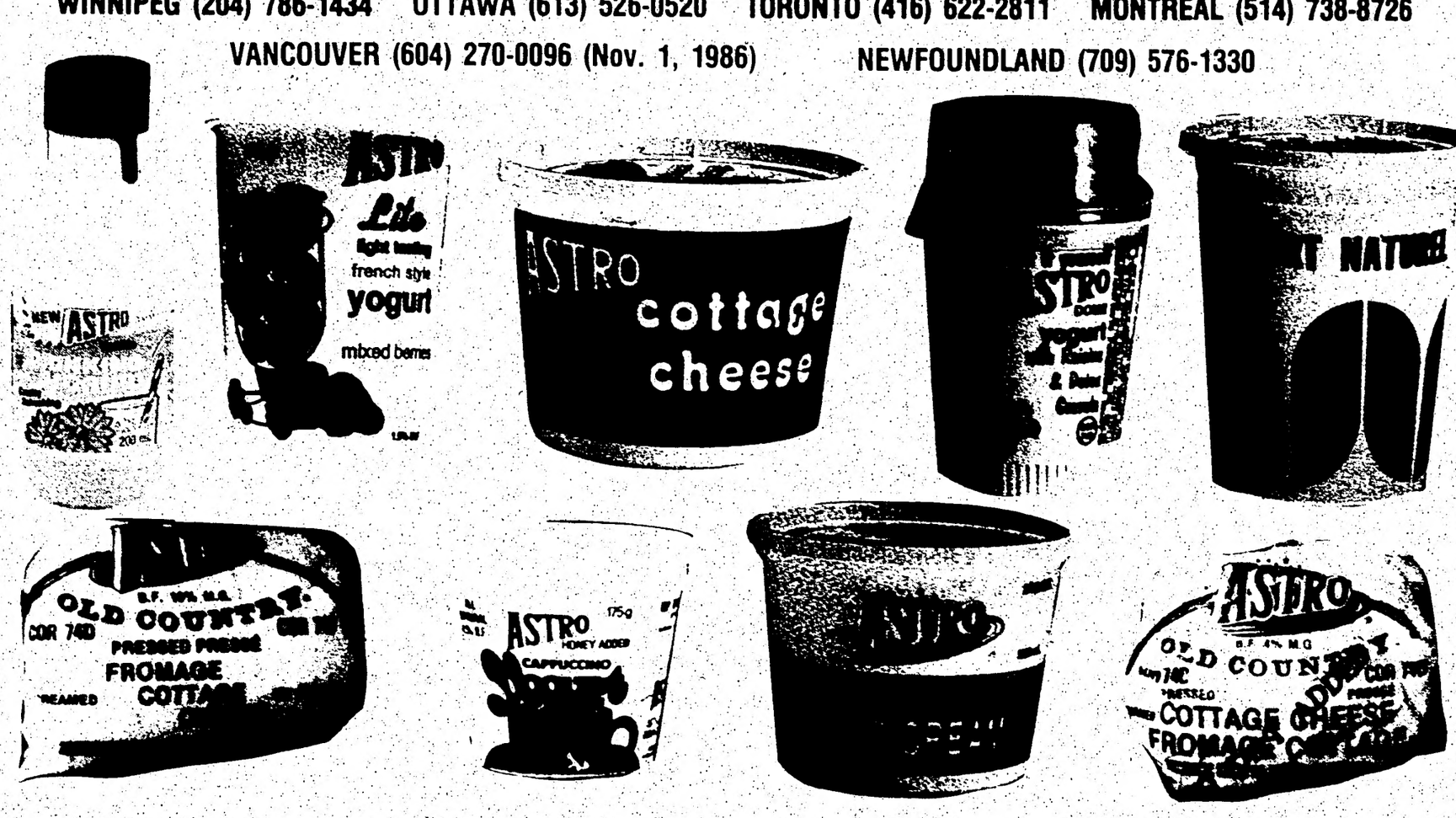

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So glaring is the shortage of candidates for the cantorage that the Cantors Assembly — the world's largest body of chazzanim — recently launched a drive for $1 million to underwrite scholarships that would help train at least 150 new cantors in the next decade. In announcing the campaign, leaders of the 400-member body termed the shortage of chazzanim "critical."

Only one student was graduated this year from the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative). At the same time, 60 Conservative synagogues are seeking full-time cantors.

"We're very intent on this recruitment campaign," said Cantor Samuel Rosenbaum, executive vice-president of the Cantors Assembly, adding:

"We want to alert all the rabbis, cantors and congregations that the ship is leaking and we need to do something about it."

Reasons for the death of cantors are many, says Cantor Isaac Goodfriend of Ahavath Achim Synagogue in Atlanta — that community's only full-time hazzan. In 1980, Cantor Goodfriend sang the national anthem at President Carter's inauguration — the only hazzan ever to be so honored.

Before World War II, Cantor Goodfriend noted, America's chief source of cantors was Eastern Europe, a situation altered irrevocably by the Holocaust. The remarkable growth of Judaism in the U.S. after the war and the number of new congregations that emerged created a demand for cantors far exceeding the supply.

Often, he continued, the best candidates "seek better horizons in other professions." For example, a spiritually-minded young Jew may opt to become a rabbi instead of a cantor. One musically inclined may choose a career in classical music.

Complicating the drive to recruit student cantors is the fact that it's no longer enough for the contemporary cantor to have a beautiful singing voice and a deep understanding of Judaism.

"Today the task of the cantor is not only to conduct services but to help in every facet of congregational life — officiating at weddings and funerals, teaching bar mitzvah students, counseling, organizing the choir, etc.," Cantor Goodfriend said. "It's a full-time job."

To make do, many synagogues today must either resort to part-time cantors or knowledgeable laymen to lead the services. But Cantor Rosenbaum, professional head of the Cantors Assembly, believes that every congregation should be served by a full-time cantor.

"There is a trivialization of prayer when an inexperienced person leads a service," he said. "Prayer, as Jews have understood it through the ages, requires the skilful use of the traditional modes required for a particular service and the exegesis — interpretation — that only a true cantor can provide.

"If the rabbi represents the intellect of Judaism, the cantor is most certainly its heart and soul."

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PLO required for peace, says Arab Knesset member

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Israel cannot achieve peace by excluding the PLO from the negotiating table, an Arab member of the Knesset says.

Mohammed Miari, a founder of the Progressive List for Peace (PLP), said the PLO is prepared to recognize Israel if Israel is ready to recognize the PLO.

"I know this from my meetings with members of the PLO, including Yasser Arafat himself."

Miari, a Haifa lawyer, has met Arafat, the PLO chairman, twice in Tunis. The meetings took place in February of 1985, before the Israeli air raid on his Tunisian headquarters, and in June of this year.

Arafat, he said, wants to be invited to an international Middle East peace conference so that the Arab-Israeli dispute can be settled. According to Miari, Arafat seeks the creation of a West Bank-Gaza Strip Palestinian state that would co-exist with Israel.

"Arafat is the most moderate leader in the Palestinian movement, and he wants to talk peace.

"If Israel wants peace, it has no alternative but to recognize the PLO. No peace process can begin without the PLO."

Miari said that Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres has been given similar advice by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, King Hassan of Morocco and King Hussein of Jordan.

Warns of war

A Hebrew University law graduate, Miari warned of the possibility of another Middle East war if the Arab-Israeli conflict is not solved by political means.

In an interview, he said that Arafat is the only Palestinian leader who represents the mass of Palestinians. He suggested that the so-called rejectionist Palestinian leaders who oppose Arafat's leadership owe their primary loyalty to Syria and Libya.

Replying to a question, Miari admitted he is "not happy" with the clauses in the 1968 PLO national covenant effectively calling for Israel's destruction. Likening the covenant to the Herut Party's program for a Jewish state on both sides of the Jordan River, Miari said it is not "a platform for political achievement."

Arafat, he reiterated, is ready to discuss peace with Israel.

And, Miari added, he is willing to accept United Nations resolution 242, the basis of all Mideast diplomacy since the Six Day War, provided it addresses the Palestinian problem in political rather than humanitarian terms.

Miari, who describes himself as an "Arab Palestinian and an Israeli," founded the PLP in 1984 together with Matti Peled, a Jewish peace activist who retired from the army as a general.

In the last election two years ago, the PLP won two parliamentary seats, winning the support of about 35,000 Israeli Arabs (or some 18% of the Arab vote) and 5,000 Jews.

Mohammed Miari

In June of 1984, after striking Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach Party from the ballot, the Knesset's central elections committee banned the PLP from contesting the election — a decision that was subsequently overruled by the Supreme Court.

The committee alleged that the PLP's plank contained "subversive principles and intentions," and that its "central figures acted in a manner of identification with enemies of the state."

The PLP advocates an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied areas and calls on Israel to negotiate with the PLO for the formation of an independent Palestinian state.

These principles outrage Israeli right-wingers. They were further outraged when Miari, at a memorial meeting in East Jerusalem, expressed solidarity with Fahd Kawasmeh, a slain PLO leader "who strove for peace and paid for it with his life."

In the wake of the general election, the Knesset's house committee stripped Rabbi Kahane of some of his parliamentary privileges after he tried to enter Arab villages in an attempt to persuade its inhabitants to emigrate from Israel.

Later, at the suggestion of Rafael Eitan, a Likud MK and ex-chief of staff, the committee also limited Miari's privileges. Miari has asked the Supreme Court to quash the decision, but in the meantime, he is subject to police arrest and search if his activities come under suspicion.

"The authorities," he said, "are trying to deprive me and my list of legitimacy."

One of seven Arabs in the Knesset, Miari, a Sunni Moslem, claims that Israeli Arabs are treated like second-class citizens and suffer from "continual discrimination."

Arabs in Israel, he said, are denied equal employment opportunities and are not properly represented in courts or in the higher echelons of government.

Arab villages, lacking governmental funds, cannot provide proper services, and the Arab educational system lags behind because it is not sufficiently financed.

Despite such grievances, Israeli Arabs are loyal to the state, he said. "We are not fifth columnists."

Miari hopes the PLP can win 3 to 4 seats in the next election. "That is, if we're permitted to participate."

There is no doubt that the PLP arouses the animosity of ultra right-wing Jews in Israel. Miari has received telephone threats, and recently, his house was set on fire. Callers have also threatened the life of his wife and children.

Yet this campaign of intimidation seems less of a threat to Miari than a recent Knesset bill forbidding Israelis to meet members of terrorist organizations.

In his view, the bill could thwart the peace process because it is aimed at preventing dialogue between Israel and the PLO. While he does not intend to break the law, he has every intention of fighting it. "We're against it and we will try soon to amend it."

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Children whose fathers died in wars

Young Israelis get Canadian camp experience

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO—
It was the last day of summer camp. Israeli and Canadian kids hugged one another tightly and many were crying. This was not a usual end of the season parting where emotions surface briefly and subside. It was a wrenching goodbye for young people whose homes are separated by thousands of miles.

They had spent three weeks sharing cabins and confidences, and real friendships which might normally be forged over a number of years, had developed in that short time.

It has all started as an extraordinary bar/bat mitzvah gift offered to several Israeli 12-, 13- and 14-year-olds who had lost their fathers in the country's armed forces.

The concept was sparked four years ago when Montrealers Morris Borek and David Mintz were visiting in Israel and heard about problems which a military support system of doctors, nurses, and social workers was tackling as it attempted to help bereaved families of fallen servicemen.

Back home, Borek, a member of Montreal B'nai B'rith's camp board and active in other communal efforts, decided to do something special for youngsters in these families. He enlisted the aid of Mintz and such key people as Lewis Roth and Shelley Hershon.

Founding an organization which they called IVOW, Israeli Victims of War, they planned a wonderful holiday for boys and girls of bar/bat mitzvah age whose own fathers, Borek noted, "couldn't do anything for them."

They approached operators of Jewish summer camps in Quebec and Ontario who willingly made available a substantial number of places gratis, and they also raised funds privately (receiving yeoman assistance in Ottawa from Steve Tanner and Lou Eisenberg) for a tour of the capital, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto and surrounding areas, with visits to such places as the federal parliament buildings, Thousand Islands and Niagara Falls.

The youngsters, to be selected by the Israeli military, would spend three weeks at camp and two on tour. Their families would pay the air fare (no one would be denied through financial stress) but in Canada all costs would be borne by IVOW. That first year 48 boys and girls were brought out.

So successful was the program that this summer there were 134 young people, divided into three groups. Camps have included Montreal and Ottawa B'nai B'rith, YM-YWHA at Huberdeau, Pine Valley in Ste. Agathe, Northland and White Pine near Haliburton, Walden at Palmer Rapids, New Moon near Baysville and Kinneret, at Mont Tremblant.

Montreal college student Neil Chazin was the liaison person traveling with the groups who made arrangements ensuring that "the kids had a good time wherever they were." Also accompanying the visitors were volunteer counselors from Israel. In fact, everyone associated with the program is a volunteer.

Israeli visitors and counselor (3rd from left) at Metro Toronto zoo. [Chuck Madonik photo]

During their travels the youngsters stay in hotels and motels, but in each city, members of B'nai B'rith meet them on arrival and host their visits.

In Toronto, Upper Canada Lodge representatives, learning that the stopover would coincide with the calendar bar mitzvah of Aviram Ganor, arranged for a celebration at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. In a moving ceremony, with all his tour friends and many B'nai B'rith members present, Avi was called to the bimah. Congregation and visitors joined in the kiddush which followed.

Two bar mitzvahs and a bat mitzvah were also celebrated at Montreal's B'nai B'rith camp.

Borek looks on the program which he initiated as "a bridge between the Israeli kids and ours — an opportunity to show solidarity and exchange cultures."

The young Israelis obviously agree. Enthusing about their camp experience they praised staff and campers. "They were so friendly, they made us feel good," said 14-year-old Tomer, adding optimistically, "They will come to visit us in Israel."

And in Israel, a branch of IVOW is being formed to continue the process of sending youngsters here.

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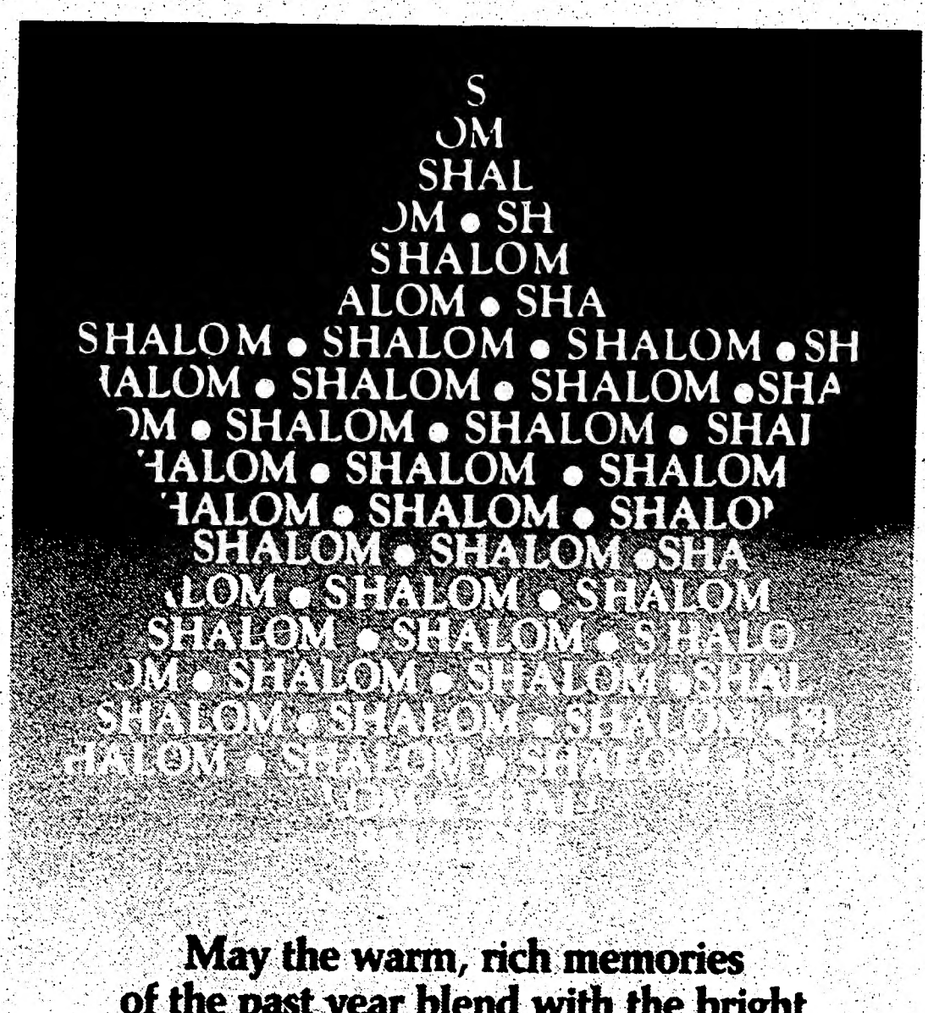
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Turkey woos AJC; community uneasy

CJN correspondent GIDEON REMEZ submitted this report on Turkey's relations with Israel *before* the recent synagogue massacre in Istanbul.

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JERUSALEM —

The year 1992 will be marked by world Jewry as the 500th anniversary of the expulsion from Spain. But, as a senior Jewish delegation was reminded recently in Istanbul, the same year also saw the establishment of the "ancient and secure" Turkish Jewish community by some of the refugees.

The Turkish foreign minister told the leadership of the American Jewish Congress that a major event was being planned in commemoration, AJC president Theodore Mann reported after arriving here. His organization was very pleased and had undertaken to help — to begin with, by including Turkey in its tour programs (from which Kurt Waldheim's Austria had just been dropped, and by "generally bringing Turkey to the attention of the American Jewish community."

That, Mann said, included both Turkey's vital role in NATO and its human rights record; the AJC "was satisfied that there had been an improvement" in the latter, although Executive Director Henry Siegman was quick to add that much more was still needed in this country "still on its way to democracy."

"We did some self-education on the geographic and strategic position of Turkey," said Siegman, "and while we don't want to overstate the cooperation that we have in mind, our sympathy and support might lead to a more forthcoming Turkish position on Israel — and we made that clear to them."

The Turks indeed impressed upon the AJC delegation that "there is going to be an upgrading of diplomatic relations with Israel" — but, Mann admitted, what they were referring to was the decision already announced to promote the Turkish mission chief in Tel Aviv from the lowly rank of second secretary, to which it had been limited since 1980.

The foreign ministry here wasn't very impressed, especially since the Turks took pains to clarify that the promotion was a personal matter rather than a political decision.

So, as the Turkish press duly noted, the main thrust of the latest Turkish gesture was toward organized American Jewry. They also marked a new twist in what has recently been something of a rollercoaster relationship, with deep troughs but without very high peaks.

The nadir was reached when, following Israel's declaratory act confirming Jerusalem as its capital, Turkey closed its consulate in the city. Israeli exhibitors were also barred from the Izmir Fair after 30 years of participation, and it seemed that in general Turkey's new military was preferring its economic and political ties with the Islamic world over the independent and pragmatic position that it had taken toward Israel since its establishment.

By 1984, however, things seemed to be looking up. Turkey's newly elected civilian premier, Turgut Ozal, made several pronouncements to the effect that while relations with Israel would not be enhanced, they would not be further curtailed either. During a visit to Washington, Ozal even met the Israeli ambassador as well as Jewish leaders. A delegation of Turkish opposition parliamentarians visited Israel, and while they were criticized at home for not clearing the trip with the government a motion to censure them failed to pass (a memorable scene occurring when they pressed upon Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir the unconventional gift of Turkish cigarettes in special parliamentary packs).

But soon after Ozal's visit to Washington, the House of Representatives passed a bill establishing a memorial day for the Armenians massacred by Turks during World War I. Twenty-eight of the 30 Jewish congressmen voted in favor; Jewish sympathy for the Armenian cause had always come naturally, aided by appeals from such influential Armenian-Americans as Gov. George Deukmejian. President Carter's Holocaust Remembrance Committee, headed by Elie Wiesel, had included an Armenian member, and the museum planned for Washington is to include an Armenian memorial room.

But the Turkish, ever sensitive to their image in the U.S. and refusing to accept responsibility for the Armenian disaster, took this as a Jewish-Israeli affront. Two weeks later an Israeli nuclear scientist was denied an entry visa to participate in an academic conference in Turkey, and a similar reprisal was aimed at Israeli athletes.

The American question was always a thorny one for Israel; while sharing world Jewry's understanding for their fate, Jerusalem was faced with PLO support for Armenian terrorists who had been attacking Turkish missions abroad in what may be the most futile of terrorist campaigns. After the Israeli invasion of Lebanon provided ample documentation of the PLO-Armenian links, the Turkish press reported heightened cooperation between the Israeli and Turkish security services — but Ankara, which had denounced the invasion, was quick to deny the specifics.

Jerusalem, for its part, hastened to deny quotations attributed to the Israeli consul in Istanbul and asserting that the Armenian experience was not by nature of a holocaust — presumably out of anxiety that Israeli missions might be added to the Armenian hit list. But Israel reaffirmed its opposition to terrorism of any kind and its willingness to cooperate in the struggle against it.

By then, Turkish Jewry had sensed a need to initiate a rapprochement between its government and American Jews. Although historically secure, the 24,000-odd Jews of Turkey had suffered some anti-semitic rioting on the eve of the 1980 military coup d'etat. While the Ankara government denied rumors that this might recur if U.S. "hostility" continued, the Jews were concerned enough to invite a senior delegation from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to study possibilities for reconciliation.

The moment was opportune; Congress, which had clamped down on aid to Turkey since its invasion of Cyprus, was now getting fed up with the anti-American rhetoric of Greek Prime Minister Aadreas Papandreou. Even the potent Greek lobby went along with warnings to Athens that Turkey's long-demanded aid parity would be considered the following year if matters did not improve. The Turks, who never had a strong lobby, were impressed by the ADL's information activities. They sought its cooperation in such image-mending enterprises as a film about the Turkish-American community as well as in publicizing Turkey's loyal stand on NATO's eastern flank.

By the time of the AJC recent visit to Turkey not much of the above had materialized. But the ADL had taken care to prevent the recurrence of a joint statement with local Armenians that had been issued by one of its regional offices and its president, Kenneth Bialkin, had turned down an invitation for talks in Athens, citing Papandreou's chumminess with Yasser Arafat and Muammar Gadhafi. However, the Turks were still requesting American Jewry's aid in strengthening their relations with the U.S.

Despite the AJC's warm response, other Jewish sources are still wary of endorsing Turkey's claims that it will reciprocate by warming up toward Israel. They note that Turkey only abstained on the Iranian motion to reject Israel's credentials at the last UN General Assembly. And those two Turkish journalists, the last knowledgeable Turkish source that this correspondent had a chance to speak with, were as skeptical as the Israeli foreign ministry is now on the prospects for a substantial Turkish Delight soon.

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Worst water shortage in history

Officials blamed in Israel's drought

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM — Despite having the most comprehensive water-planning system in the world and a plethora of internationally recognized water experts, Israel is now suffering from the worst water shortage in her history.

Government officials blame it on three years of drought. Most scientists, however, blame it on the officials.

Dr. Gerald Stanhill, an agricultural meteorologist at the ministry of agriculture's Volcani Center, says that, statistically, the last three years were not exceptionally dry. Indeed, they fell well within the rainfall values to be expected from the pattern of the last 55 years.

Over that entire period, annual rainfall within the geographical boundaries of Mandatory Palestine (the area controlled by Israel today) averaged eight cubic kilometres, with a standard deviation of 25%. Perhaps — as the cloud seeders claim — seeding operations have somewhat increased rainfall since the late 50s. But certainly the statistics show that it hasn't declined, he declares.

"Israel's water crisis is like her money crisis. She has simply drawn more out of her account than has gone into it," Stanhill says.

The Volcani Institute meteorologist welcomes the government's decision to cut back water consumption by 10% this year, though he thinks that what is needed is a policy to build up and maintain a national water reserve at a level equal to three years consumption. This would allow crisis measures to be avoided, even during a succession of winters longer and drier than those experienced so far.

Dr. Joseph Shalheveth, acting director of the Volcani Center and chief scientist of the ministry of agriculture, is somewhat less alarmed by developments than other scientists. In his view, "the situation is tight but not impossible."

However, if next winter is also dry, then very drastic cutbacks will be required, just as they were, he points out, in California seven years ago. If so, Israel, for some years a net exporter of agricultural products, would have a negative balance in that sphere.

Meanwhile, Volcani scientists — who are largely responsible for the fact that this country has perhaps the most water-efficient agriculture in the world — are looking for new ways of getting more dollars out of every drop. They have successfully introduced mangos, avocados, spices, medicinal plants and many new varieties of flowers. But each of them has only a limited export market, and all of them together can't possibly replace water-hungry cotton, now the main crash crop of Israeli farmers.

Nevertheless, cotton acreage is being reduced this year, as an emergency measure, by one-third, and some water experts — who point out that it has been grown at a loss in recent seasons — say it should be eliminated completely, even if this clashes with the Zionist dream and drives thousands of farmers off the land.

Agriculturalists and their supporters are unwilling to write off cotton, pointing out that flowers, export earnings from which went up this year from $74 million to $104 million, were also cultivated at a loss for some time and now have bounced back. Cotton, they add, has an added advantage — it can be grown with sewage water, and if the 2,000 million cubic metres of such water now flowing into the sea were utilized, very little sweet water would be required.

Yet this solution would not only be expensive, but also potentially dangerous says Weizmann Institute Prof. Mordeckai Magaritz and Daniel Ronen of the Israel Hydrological Service. Irrigation with treated sewage introduces undesirable amounts of pollutants into the soil, and unless comprehensive preventive measures are taken, into the aquifer as well. Therefore, Margaritz and Ronen would limit the irrigation of cotton with treated sewage to areas like the semi-arid Negev, where there is practically no danger of polluting important aquifers.

Methodists and PLO slam Israel together

SAO PAULO (JTA) — Brazilian Jewry has reacted with shock and indignation at a crudely anti-Zionist joint statement issued by the PLO and the Methodist University of Piracicaba, the World Jewish Congress reported here.

The PLO and the university "are united in the struggle against Zionism and for national and social liberation which the Brazilian and Palestinian peoples are engaged in," according to a statement signed by the university rector, Elias Boaventura, and the PLO representative, Farid Sawan.

The university has some 8,000 students and 300 teachers.

An agreement signed with the PLO is headed "Cultural Cooperation and Interchange" and starts with a joint statement asserting that the university and the PLO are "engaged in the democratic, anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist struggle."

The document speaks of "exchange of information, educational, scientific, technological and cultural experience," and foresees extra-university activities with the "participation of workers' movements, in the country as well as in town, and in the struggle in which the Brazilian and Palestinian people are involved in favor of independent economic developments and social progress."

The Confederacao Israelita do Brasil, the central representative body of Brazilian Jewry and the WJC affiliate here, has reacted sharply and its denunciation has been published in the main news dailies:

"Since the unfortunate anti-Zionist vote in the United Nations, which has been repudiated by all free peoples in the world, the PLO has been penetrating into union, political, university and service organizations, and this activity results blatantly in violent anti-semitism," the Confederacao statement declared.

Continuing, it warned Brazilian public opinion that, "however contrived the justification for the agreement may seem, the fact in itself is not to be underestimated. The PLO avails itself of its one technology, a long experience in international terrorism.

"The signing of the agreement represents a further stage of PLO activism in Brazil, where its penetration has been significant although without diplomatic status; the PLO has maintained a very visible representation in Brazil since 1979. Brazilian foreign policy regarding the Middle East has had a consistent tilt toward the Arab world, one of the major markets for its armaments industry."

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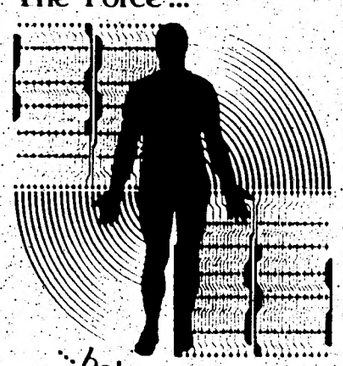

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Urges minimum penalties for violent crimes

Israel submits 15-point aviation security list

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Israel suggested.

The scope of existing international legislation concerned with crimes against civil aviation should be enlarged to include not only the aircraft itself, but attacks on airports, passenger terminals and even airline offices and travel agencies, Israel proposed.

Israel wants ICAO's Hague and Montreal Conventions to be amended to allow any state apprehending such terrorists to have criminal jurisdiction over them or to make obligatory their extradition, without the need for an additional bilateral extradition agreement.

Moreover, the Israeli paper says that countries should have the right to "take all practicable measures," inside or outside their territories, against those preparing to commit a terrorist act. Minimum penalties, it believes, should also be established for violent crimes against civil aviation. Israel suggested at least 20 years' imprisonment, and if the act caused the death of a person, a mandatory life sentence.

Israel also submitted a 15-point list of security measures for airlines. Every airport should be equipped with high-technology equipment for explosive and firearm detection, said Shohamy, adding that surveillance systems and security procedures "are only as effective as the people operating them. Efficient security should be based on the human factor rather than on machinery and equipment, which are not foolproof."

Other members of the Israeli delegation were: Yitzhak Alster, legal director of the foreign affairs ministry; Eli Ben-Israel, a vice-president of El Al Israel Airlines; Chalom Schirman, the new Israeli consul-general in Montreal; and vice-consul Moshe Kimchi. Israeli Transport Minister Haim Corfu, who announced last May Israel's intention to present an anti-terrorism plan at ICAO, was to have led the delegation but the death of his brother prevented him from coming to Montreal.

Shohamy said Israel's recommendations go much further than those made by Canada to the ICAO assembly because his country takes a more comprehensive approach to the terrorism problem. Canada said any terrorist acts on airport property should be considered international crimes obliging countries to extradite or prosecute the perpetrators.

At press time, the Israeli proposals had not been discussed by the assembly, which is scheduled to continue to meet until Oct. 10. More than 140 of the 156 ICAO member states sent delegates to the session, which is normally held every three years. An extraordinary meeting was convened in 1984 to discuss the shooting down of a Korean Air Lines jumbo jet in September, 1983.

It was expected that Israel's interception of a Libyan jet last February which it suspected of carrying terrorists may be raised at the assembly. ICAO's 33 nation governing council already adopted a resolution condemning Israel earlier this year for the action.

The Palestine Liberation Organization is represented by two observers at this session: Abdullah Abdullah, director of the Palestine Information Office in Ottawa, and O.H. Mourad, who is listed as director of civil aviation affairs for the PLO's diplomatic department. As observers, they cannot vote but do have the right to speak.

Israel had not officially objected to the PLO's presence at this assembly, but Shohamy said "since the PLO has no civil aviation Mourad must be in charge of all of the PLO's unlawful interferences with civil aviation."

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Meanwhile, Canadian Jewish Congress president Dorothy Reitman called for the exclusion of PLO representatives from Canada to attend the ICAO meetings in a strongly worded telegram to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and several senior government officials.

Citing the long record of terrorist attacks and aircraft hijackings for which the PLO has claimed responsibility, CJC voiced its concern for the safety of Canadians in light of current terrorist attacks in Pakistan, Turkey and France, the telegram stated.

"We recognize that Canada admits NGOs with (non-governmental organizations) observer status to international meetings, but we ask the government to deny admission of the PLO representatives.

"We are also convinced that the PLO presence in Canada is offensive to all Canadians. Since the Bonn summit, Canada has taken a leadership role against international terrorism, and we call on the Government of Canada at this time to resist terrorist encroachment in Canada."

Amal refuses Israeli offer

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Yitzhak Shamir told reporters that Israel had no plans for a new invasion. Syria's president, Hafez Assad, threatened a "stunning retaliation" if Israel invaded.

Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, stated that Israel will not give up its positions to UNIFIL because it cannot keep the peace. Later in the week, however, Defence Minister Rabin offered to hand over parts of the security zone to Amal if it could prove it was capable of preventing attacks against Israel. Nabib Berri, the Amal leader, turned down the offer. According to Rabin, he said: "Get out of the area first, and then we shall see."

In the Knesset, the Lebanese problem got an exhaustive hearing.

Rafael Eitan, the former chief of staff, now a member of Tehiya, urged Rabin to extend the security zone northward.

In reply, Rabin said it should neither be enlarged nor reduced.

Eliezer Granot, of Mapam, warned Israel was in danger of being sucked back into the morass that is Lebanon.

Tension in southern Lebanon has increased markedly since last summer. In July, Israeli aircraft hit a base belonging to the pro-Syrian Abu Mussa faction. In August, Israeli helicopter gunships and jets bombed Palestinian installations around Sidon and Baalbek, in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley.

Last month, the Israeli army raided a Shiite village just north of the security zone after an Israeli soldier was killed in an encounter with Shiite guerrillas. So far, eight Israelis have fallen in Lebanon in 1986.

Within days of that raid, Israeli planes bombed and strafed an anti-Arafat base near Sidon, while helicopters were used to drive off a large Shiite formation that had assaulted an SLA hilltop position in the increasingly beleaguered security zone.

Defence Minister Rabin claims that the recent upsurge of violence is largely due to a struggle for hegemony between the radical Party of God and the mainstream Amal movement.

John Demjanjuk will stand trial

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It also lists a number of "technical" witnesses — plus a German named Otto Horn, who was identified as a former Nazi SS officer assigned to Treblinka in German-occupied Poland in World War II.

Horn's testimony is expected to be given abroad, sources close to the Demjanjuk investigation said.

Mark O'Connor, Demjanjuk's American lawyer, expressed confidence that his client would receive a fair trial in Israel "because of the natural skepticism that exists in this country."

Demjanjuk, a retired autoworker who lived in Cleveland, Ohio, after the war, has consistently denied allegations that he was in the Treblinka camp. He said he is a victim of mistaken identity.

"He will prove on an almost day-to-day basis the whereabouts of John Demjanjuk at the time," O'Connor said.

The suspect is being held at Ramleh Prison near Tel Aviv — the same place where Eichmann was imprisoned.

Under Israeli law, his trial should begin within 60 days of the indictment, although the defence is entitled to request a delay.

Demjanjuk, extradited to Israel last Feb. 28, is accused of running the gas chambers at Treblinka in 1942-43. An estimated 900,000 Jews, gypsies and other people perished in the camp.

Kach ruins ceremonies in Ashkelon

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Official ceremonies naming a square in Ashkelon in honor of the late King Mohammed of Morocco were cut short Sunday when Rabbi Meir Kahane and followers of his extremist Kach Party who invaded the municipality offices, smashed windows, overturned furniture and threatened the clerks.

Premier Shimon Peres, the principal speaker, had difficulty making himself heard over the shouts of hecklers. Most were supporters of the right-wing opposition Tehiya Party who had a permit to demonstrate and did so noisily but peacefully. The violence came from Kach.

The town on Israel's coast south of Tel Aviv is in ferment over the fatal stabbing of one of its residents, Haim Azran, in the Gaza marketplace Saturday. His funeral, scheduled for Sunday, was postponed at the request of local police who feared clashes.

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Theory sees perpetrators as having two goals

Terrorism in France tied to its Mideast policy

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

France is experiencing the worst outbreak of terrorism in more than 20 years, and analysts attribute it mainly to France's Middle Eastern policy.

Since early September, Paris has been hit by a series of seemingly indiscriminate bomb explosions which have killed nine people and wounded about 160. The mood in Paris is so tense that the Jewish Film Festival, which was hit by terrorists in 1985, has been cancelled this year.

France's problems are not confined only to Paris. In the Middle East, the French contingent in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has been repeatedly attacked by Arab guerrillas (resulting in the deaths of four French troops) and the French military attache in Beirut has been slain.

Imprisoned Abdallah said linked to Syrians

Responsibility for most of the attacks has been claimed by the Committee for Solidarity with Arab and Middle Eastern Political Prisoners, based in the Lebanese capital. French authorities believe that the committee is a nom de guerre for the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction, composed of Christian Maronite Marxists affiliated with radical Palestinians.

The committee has demanded the release of Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, who was sentenced in July to four years in prison for possession of weapons and using forged documents to enter France.

Abdallah is suspected of murdering two diplomats in Paris in 1984 — Charles Ray, the U.S. military attache, and Yaacov Barsimontov, the second secretary of the Israeli embassy.

By Middle Eastern standards, Abdallah has a very interesting past. When he was quite young, the 35-year-old Lebanese Christian joined the Syrian Popular Party, which regards Lebanon, Israel and Jordan as part of greater Syria. Later, he became a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by George Habash. According to various reports, Abdallah worked with Waddi Haddad, a notorious terrorist who died in East Germany eight years ago.

In 1980, after founding the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction, he moved to Europe, where he made contact with French, Italian and West German terrorists. Abdallah, who purportedly had links to Syrian intelligence, was arrested in 1984.

The Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction clearly wants to gain Abdallah's freedom, but some observers believe that his imprisonment is only a pretext for the attacks that have taken place so far, the most serious since the Algerian war.

According to this theory, which is plausible, pro-Syrian and pro-Iranian Lebanese radicals hope to achieve two goals with their campaign of terror: to force France out of UNIFIL and to pressure it to moderate its support of Iraq in the 7-year-old Gulf War.

France has 1,400 soldiers in the 5,800-man peacekeeping force, whose mandate was established after Israel's 1978 mini invasion of Lebanon. Since then, more than 50 UNIFIL peacekeepers have been killed in the line of duty, of whom nearly 30 have been French.

In the past eight years, UNIFIL's mandate has been ritually renewed twice a year by the UN, but UNIFIL is greatly resented by the Party of God, a pro-Iranian Shiite militia. The Party of God, which is funded largely by Iran, has ties to the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction. Both organizations want to rid southern Lebanon of UNIFIL so that its fighters can carry out raids against Israel without any interference.

For reasons of its own, Israel is not keen about UNIFIL either.

France is resisting this pressure. Last week, the French delegate at the UN tabled a Security Council resolution calling for the extension of UNIFIL to Israel's northern border. Israel is opposed to it.

France is also displaying a steadfastness of purpose vis-a-vis the war pitting Iraq against Iran.

The French have sold Baghdad billions of dollars worth of aircraft, missiles, tanks and armored personnel carriers, thereby enraging Iran and its friends.

Paris' pro-Iraqi tilt has angered Syria, the major Arab country on Iran's side. As long as France hews to this policy, there is little hope that the French hostages being held by pro-Iranian Lebanese extremists will be freed. Last May, in an attempt to win their release, French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac played host to the first high-level Iranian delegation to visit Paris in several years.

By all accounts, the encounter was not a roaring success. The Iranians demanded an end to French arms exports to Iraq, but Chirac politely declined. Chirac said that France "is ready to normalize relations" with Iran, but he emphasized France's determination to continue its close military and political ties with Iraq.

France has yet a third problem, albeit a much more minor one, in the Middle East. The French have clashed with the Libyans in Chad, and the conflict there has further complicated France's touchy relationship with Syria, which has close ties with Libya.

Despite all its current Middle Eastern-related problems, France has not deviated from its policy of recognizing the PLO as an integral element in any Arab-Israeli peace settlement.

In August, Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond declared that the PLO should be "associated" with any settlement and that the Palestinians should be permitted to exercise "their right to self-determination." Raimond was merely reiterating French policy, but he found it necessary to emphasize the point after Prime Minister Chirac was quoted as saying in an Israeli newspaper interview that he opposed the creation of an independent Palestinian state.

Rescuers carry away an injured man after the latest terrorist incident in Paris. [Canapress]

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel

Take notice that the **Annual General Meeting** of the **Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel** will be held on **Thursday, October 30, 1986, 8 p.m.** at the **Montefiore Club**, 1195 Guy Street, Montreal, Quebec, for the purpose of receiving and considering the annual and financial reports; election of members to the Board of Directors and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

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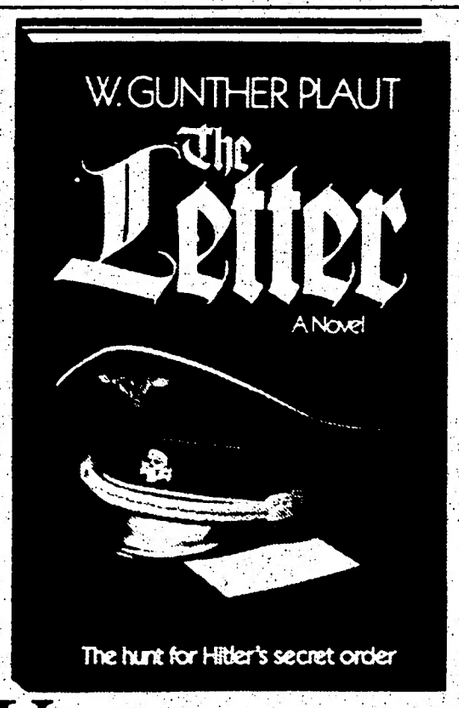

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HOLIDAY DEADLINE

Ordinarily the deadline date for the Oct. 23 issue would be Monday, Oct. 13, but since that Monday is Yom Kippur, the deadline is moved back to Friday, Oct. 10.

Friday, Oct. 3

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

The Women's Canadian Club of Toronto meets on Friday, Oct. 3, at 2.30 p.m. at the Royal York Hotel ballroom. Guest speaker will be author **Janette Turner Hospital**, winner of the $50,000 Seal First Novel Award in 1982 for her book, The Ivory Swing.

For information, call the club office at 923-2900.

Monday, Oct. 6

NA'AMAT PW OPEN HOUSE

Clairvoyant **Barbara Quesnel** will be special guest speaker when Na'amat Pioneer Women's Beersheba Chapter welcomes prospective members at an open house on Monday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. at 99 Cocksfield Ave., Downsview.

For information, call 633-3023.

RABBI MILEVSKY TO LECTURE

On Monday, Oct. 6, **Rabbi Uziel Milevsky**, former Chief Rabbi of Mexico and currently senior lecturer at Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum College in Jerusalem, will be giving a lecture entitled Excuse Me Rabbi But Which Way Is Back — Reflections on the Teshuva Process of Returning.

Lecture is sponsored by the Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Jewish Education Program in cooperation with Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum Centre for Judaic Studies. The time is 8.30 p.m. at JEP-Ohr Somayach Centre of Jewish Learning, 2939 Bathurst St. (corner Shelbourne).

For information, call 785-5899.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

SHLOMO CARLEBACH SINGS

A night of song, dance and learning with world-renowned singing rabbi **Shlomo Carlebach** is being sponsored by Jewish Student Federation of York University on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 8 p.m. at the university's Scott Religious Centre, Ross Building.

For information, call JSF at 736-5178.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

HIGH HOLIDAY INSTITUTE

Beth Tikvah Congregation's High Holiday Institute is presenting two lectures by **Rabbi Averaham Feder**. The first one, The Drama of Atonement, takes place Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The second lecture, on Wednesday, Oct. 22, will deal with A Time for Joy.

ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

The Alzheimer Society for Metropolitan Toronto is sponsoring a meeting, free and open to the public, on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 7.30 p.m. at Mount Sinai Hospital auditorium. Guest speaker will be **Pauline McGibbon**, honorary chairman of the Toronto Society.

For further information, call the Toronto Alzheimer office at 789-1123 or 626-1340. Please do not call the hospital.

Thursday, Oct. 9

BOOK REVIEW

John Irving's Cider House Rules will be reviewed by contemporary fiction teacher **Heather Kassel** on Thursday, Oct. 9. Event is sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood and takes place at 1.30 p.m. in the temple board room. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

For further information, call 486-8384.

ONTARIO LUPUS ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Lupus Association Coping/Support Group meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30 p.m. at the Association office, 250 Bloor St. E., Suite 401. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 9.

For information, call 967-1414.

And What Else Is New...

JF & CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering four different workshops, starting this month, at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

You and Your Aging Parents provides a forum for adult children to discuss common concerns and feelings related to their parents' aging. This 6-week series begins Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 7.30-9 p.m. Cost is $35 per person, $50 per couple.

Handling Unemployment is a group program for men and women who have been recently unemployed. It will run for eight half-day sessions on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30 a.m. to noon, beginning Oct. 16. There is no fee.

Adoptive Parents offers an opportunity to meet others who share common concerns about parenting the adopted child. The six sessions begin Monday, Oct. 20, from 7.30-9 p.m. Fee is $35 per person, $50 per couple.

Blended Families is a program in which couples will examine the differences and similarities in stepfamilies and traditional family models. It runs for six sessions beginning Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 7.30-9 p.m. Charge is $50 per couple.

For information about all workshops, call JF & CS at 638-7800.

KITCHEN KASHERING

Kitchen kashering by Vaad Harabbanim is available upon request for the entire community. Also, there is a video film about insects on vegetables available.

This service is free of charge. For all information, contact **Rabbi Moshe Lowy**, president of Toronto's Vaad Harabbanim, at 783-3869.

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

Here's a list of special programs taking place at Shalom Village in Hamilton during the month of October —

Thursday, Oct. 9, at 7.30 p.m. — **Janet McKnight** will speak on New Developments in Gerintology, dealing with what's available for the elderly, both medically and socially.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m. — **Ida Glass** will review the book, A Morning Moon, by **Paula Reibel**.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 — **Gloria Silverman** will speak with residents on Jewish life.

Sunday, Oct. 19, at 7.30 p.m. — Simcha Sunday with entertainment by **David Bach**.

Thursday, Oct. 30, at 9.30 a.m. — Special trip to Waterloo on the **Tim Horton** van.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

If you have a couple of hours a week now that the kids have gone back to school, and would like a rewarding way of spending them, why not become a volunteer at Baycrest Centre?

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For more information, call the volunteer office at 789-5131, ext. 2572.

FOR SUCCESSFUL EMPLOYMENT

Jewish Vocational Service is offering a 2-3-week workshop on Building Skills for Successful Employment which deals with employment issues as well as job search skills.

For more information, call **Anat Wertheim** at 787-1151.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Preliminary heats of the second annual Public Speaking Competition for Youth sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation will take place during March and April.

Brotherhoods, sisterhoods, adult education committees or any other organizations who would like to sponsor one of these preliminary heats as part of their programming should contact **Monty Robins** at 665-7935 for further information.

CAREGIVERS GROUP

Family Service Association of Metropolitan Toronto is sponsoring a 6-session workshop series for people who are caring for an aging relative. It runs on Thursdays from Oct. 9-Nov. 13 from 7.30-9.30 p.m. at 22 Wellesley St. E.

The series is meant for people who are feeling confused and overwhelmed and are wondering if it's time to look at other options. Each session features a speaker, questions and answers and a discussion in small groups.

The fee for the series is $60. Subsidies are available because of United Way funding. For further information, call 922-3126 or drop in to 22 Wellesley St. E. Registration is limited.

IF YOU KNOW

Aaron Nussbaum has requested help for the course he is teaching at York University and at the Midrasha. It will be of great help to him to hear from any Jew connected with the Karaite community. This includes Karaites from Europe, Egypt or Israel.

Also, any descendants of Sabbatean or Frankist families, who have information on their backgrounds, are urged to contact him.

Dr. Nussbaum, who is also director of education of the United Synagogue Day School, can be reached at 781-5658 days or 633-8097 evenings.

SO YOU THINK YOU'RE FAT

So You Think You're Fat is the new fall theme for the SHAPE eating control program. SHAPE is a health-education program that was developed at the Behavioral Medicine Unit, St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, by a team of professionals

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BIG TURNOUT

An overflow attendance was on hand at the home of Florence and Sydney Cooper at the recent 5th anniversary fund raising tea for Familial Dysautonomia. From left are Gerry Goodbaum, board member; Bertha Dermer, Toronto Chapter president; Florence Cooper, hostess; Bertha Lapidus, vice-president and tea convenor; Evelyn Pelman, financial secretary, and Esther Moldofski, board member. Other vice-presidents are Tova Israeli and Dena Weiman. [Paul Lawrence photo]

COUNTDOWN TO CONTEST

This year's Downtown Jewish Community School team is preparing for the National Bible Contest. Team includes, from left, students Tanya Shanoff, Andrew Ullmann, Joshua Solomon-Olshen, Jodi Shanoff, Daniel Zieler and Jared Matas. In the back row, from left, are teacher Ruth Stransky, Yael Brym, educational consultant, Board of Jewish Education, and Joan Schoenfeld, school principal. [Graphic Artists photo]

Organizations and People

What's New

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including physicians, behavioral psychologists and specialists in kinesiology, nutrition and education. Several times throughout the year classes begin at facilities in Toronto, North York, Mississauga, Hamilton and St. Catharines.

The program is designed for adults who want to make long-term changes in eating and body image behavior. It is not a clinical treatment program. The duration of the course is six months.

The next course will be given at Toronto Wellesley Hospital. There is a free preview on Thursday, Oct. 9, with the actual class starting Oct. 16. For information, call 283-3213.

JDF ROLLS-ROYCE RAFFLE

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's (JDF) 1986 Rolls-Royce Raffle and Gala Evening fund raiser is now officially under way.

Raffle tickets cost $100 and include admission for two to a host of activities at the Gala. Your $100 ticket makes you eligible for the grand prize draw of a Rolls-Royce or $120,000 cash. Second prize is a Jaguar XJ6 or $35,000 cash and there are an additional 20 prizes of $1,000 each.

Tickets purchased before Oct. 4 are eligible for the October and November early bird draws. Tickets purchased between Oct. 7-Nov. 1 are eligible for the November draw. The October prize is a SAAB or $35,000 and the November prize is $10,000.

Call the JDF office at 224-2633 for ticket details.

TAKE A BREAK FROM THE KIDS

Take a break from the kids, enjoy stimulating speakers and meet other mothers of young children at the fall session of Monday MAGIC (Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy) which runs Monday mornings from 9.30-11.30 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Babysitting is provided.

Programs include — Sept. 29, poet **Anita Latner** reading from her book Words for Love and Hate; Oct. 20, **Judy Peleg**, piano concert; Oct. 27, accountant **Charlotte Haber** speaking on the Family Law Reform Act; Nov. 3, **Dorothy Robinson** of the Guilaine Institute of Phlebology (varicose veins); Nov. 10, educator **Selma Sage** speaking on 19th Century Rule Breakers; Nov. 17, **Selma Sage** discussing Modern Jewish Stereotypes; Nov. 24, family counselor **Robbie Schwartz**; Dec. 1, **Rachel Olensky** talking about Women in the Lubavitch Movement, and Dec. 8, **Priscilla Costello** speaking on astrology.

For more information, call **Judith Berg** at 782-8007.

HILLEL/JSU, U OF T

This is a list of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation/Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto events for this week —

Thursday, Oct. 2 — A lecture as part of the 3rd annual Cult Awareness Program on Satanic Cults with **Father James LeBar**, Catholic Archdiocese of New York, and **Dale Griffis**, former police officer from Ohio, at 4 p.m. at St. Michael's College Senate Chamber Alumni Hall, Room 400, 121 St. Joseph St.....A panel discussion, Ex-Members Speak Out, at 7 p.m at Trinity College Cartwright Hall, 44 Devonshire Pl.

Monday, Oct. 6-Wednesday, Oct. 8 — Frosh Days at JSU House, 604 Spadina Ave., for all first year U of T students to meet with the JSU executive over coffee and pastries between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9 — Meet at 5.30 p.m. at JSU House for pizza and beer (cost is $1.75 and up), then at 6.30 off to Varsity Stadium for the U of T-York football match.

Jewish Student Learning Centre courses have begun. Courses include Conversational Hebrew, Introduction to Chassidism and Mysticism, Let's Study Torah (for beginners) and Tehila Choir. Call JSU for details at 923-9861.

CHALLENGE OF CREATIVE STRESS

The Challenge of Creative Stress is the theme of the day-long workshop sponsored by Alfred Adler Institute of Ontario on Friday, Oct. 17. Workshop leader will be **Lu Watson**, former teacher and guidance counselor, lecturer and therapist in private practice.

Workshop takes place at OISE (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education), 252 Bloor St. W., from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee is $50 pre-registered members, $60 pre-registered non-members, $65 registration at the door. For details, call 665-1400.

WOMEN AND POLITICS

Ryerson Polytechnical Institute is presenting Women and Politics, a 2-day forum on practical politics for women committed to achieving equality through participation in the political process. It takes place Nov. 7-8 at the Ryerson Learning Resources Centre, 350 Victoria St.

For information about program and registration, call Ryerson Continuing Education at 979-5182.

A TASTE OF ELEGANCE

A Taste of Elegance, a major exhibition of 18th century English porcelain from private collections in Ontario, will be on view at the George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, 111 Queen's Park, from Oct. 8 to Jan. 12.

ANSHEI MINSK CONGREGATION

The Anshei Minsk Congregation is now focusing on the young professional population living in the downtown core.

Rabbi Uziel Milevsky, former Chief Rabbi of Mexico and currently senior lecturer at Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum College in Jerusalem, will be joining the congregation for Rosh Hashanah. The rabbi is a dynamic speaker with expertise in inspiring young professionals in traditional Torah values.

Tickets at $25 each are available at the synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St., between 6 and 9 a.m. and 4 and 8 p.m. For information, call **Phil Ceresney** at 595-5723 or 593-9892.

singles

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

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JCC Valley Singles Centre Singles Support Group is having a rap session on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Charge is $2 members (bring cards), $3 non-members. For information, call **Sally** at the JCC office at 889-0813.....The JCC Valley Singles Centre invites you to a Break the Fast buffet dinner at the JCC Valley on Monday, Oct. 13, at 8.30 p.m. This will be a dairy meal, for adults only please. Cost is $10 per person. RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 9, by calling **Fran Dalal** at 494-5898 or 731-5664 or **Sally** at the JCC office, 889-0813.

Na'amat Pioneer Women Club Dafna invites women 25-35 to join this dynamic group. Be one step ahead of fall fashions when you choose your jewelry from Caja Designs and your handbags and T-shirts from Gossip Accessory on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 8.45 p.m. Items will be very reasonably priced. For details, call **Sharon** at 653-9890.

Jewish Singles Service, a magazine devoted exclusively to Jewish singles of all ages, is distributed throughout New England, New York, New Jersey and Eastern Canada. It is a clearing house for Jewish singles events, restaurant and movie reviews, consumer tips and articles for singles. If you wish a free copy, send your name, address, the name of the paper you read this item in (that's The CJN) and 44¢ postage (U.S.) to Jewish Singles Service, P.O. Box 247, Newton, Mass., 02159. The phone number is (617) 244-7316.

The 3rd annual **Jewish Singles Supercruise**, sponsored by the St. Louis Jewish Community Centres Association, is set for February and March aboard the M/S Tropicale of Carnival Cruises Lines. Jewish singles, ages 20 to 40, will sail on Feb. 22; singles 40 to 60 will sail on March 1. Both sailings are 7-day Mexican Riviera cruises from Los Angeles. Reservations are being accepted on a first come, first served basis by the St. Louis JCCA. For more information, call (314) 432-5700, ext. 148.

Single? You can still own your own home. **Roger Irwin** of Royal LePage will teach singles how to buy a first house or condominium at the Real Estate for Singles seminar Thursday, Oct. 9, at 7.30 p.m. at Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd. The seminar is free. Phone 484-6087 for more information.

for seniors

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Family Service Association of Metropolitan Toronto is offering a variety of opportunities to senior citizens to take a break and get out to the country for a holiday. The Bolton Conference Centre in the Albion Hills is the site for these excursions. The fall break provides a 4-day (Oct. 27-31) and an 8-day (Oct. 20-27) package. Because of United Way funding, fees are geared to income and range from $95-$190 for the 4-day and $195-$390 for the 8-day holiday. For application and information, contact **Elizabeth Longmore** at 922-3126.

The Workmen's Circle Social Club will not be meeting Oct. 7 or Oct. 14, due to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The first meeting after the holidays will be on Tuesday, Oct. 21, when a doctor will lecture on cancer. Rogers Cable will be taping the program.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni, which usually meets on Wednesdays at 1.30 p.m., will not be getting together on Oct. 8 due to the High Holidays. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 15.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club invites you to come to the opening meeting and enjoy a Succoth luncheon at noon on Monday, Oct. 20. By special request, pianist **Judy Kennedi Peleg** will perform in concert. You can look forward to an enjoyable afternoon.....Folkdancing programs will start again the morning of Monday, Oct. 20, at 10.30. Other programs — oil painting, crafts and dancersize — will follow immediately after the High Holidays.....Florida trip has been finalized. Enquiries are welcome. Call **Lena Sugar** for information at 785-5773.....A trip to California is being planned for early May.

The ballroom and line dancing at **Earl Bales Seniors' Place** is in full swing on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30 p.m. with **Ada Goldblatt** assisted by **Irving Naftolin**. There is no charge. Earl Bales Seniors' Place is in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard.

Club Chaverim of the JCC Valley meets every Monday afternoon from 1-3 at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The Oct. 6 meeting features the third lecture in the series on Healthy Aging presented by St. John Ambulance. Cost is 50¢ members, 75¢ non-members, refreshments included. For information, contact **Sally** at the JCC Valley office at 889-0813.

The Labor Zionist Alliance Senior Citizens Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. Light lun-

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SETTING A RECORD

Beth Sholom Sisterhood held a bat mitzvah Bonds luncheon in celebration of the 13th consecutive Israel Bonds reception — a record among Toronto sisterhoods. From left are Jean Beranbaum, Israel Bonds chairman; Lynda Weinrib, sisterhood president; guest speaker Robert Mayer Evans, former CBC News correspondent, and Sheila Rothman, Israel Bonds Women's Division chairman. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

SHARPS HONORED

Rosalie and Isidore Sharp received the State of Israel Bonds Israel Award of Honor for hosting a cocktail reception for their parents Lil and Max Sharp, who were honored recently by Shaarei Shomayim Congregation at a tribute dinner. From left are Alex Grossman, Israel Bonds Toronto general campaign co-chairman; guest speaker Robert Mayer Evans, former CBC News correspondent; Mihal Tylman (making the presentation); Rosalie and Isidore Sharp, and Harold Spring, Israel Bonds chairman. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

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Organizations and People

...for Israeli director Dr. Obed Bar-Or

Children's exercise centre a dream come true

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — A unique children's clinic at the Chedoke-McMaster Hospital here is a dream come true for an Israeli physician with a longtime interest in the impact of exercise on children.

In the spring of 1983, the Children's Therapeutic Exercise and Health Centre was "still only a vision" and Jerusalem-born and trained physician Dr. Oded Bar-Or was preparing to write his Canadian medical examinations.

Today, the recently renamed Children's Exercise and Nutrition Centre is attracting worldwide attention, with visitors coming from the U.S. and Canada, Europe, Israel and as far away as Australia and China.

Physical activity is an integral part of a child's development. For the disabled child, the chance to be physically active can lead to improvement both physically and psychologically.

The centre serves as diagnostic clinic, consulting service and therapeutic exercise centre for obese children, children with neuromuscular diseases such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, arthritits and spina bifida, as well as diabetes, asthma and cancer.

Arthritic children, for instance, whose muscles atrophy for lack of exercise, can be helped to remian mobile while "children with cancer who, because of their disease or as a result of treatment have either physical or psychological problems, are helped through an exercise program or a combination of exercise and morale-boosting," says Bar-Or.

The Hamilton Cystic Fibroisis Clinic sends all its school-age children to the clinic for evaluation and exercise prescription. "That's more than 30," he adds.

His interest, explained Dr. Bar-Or in a recent interview, is both clinical and scientific and the centre's mandate is "3-pronged: clinical service, research and education."

In Israel Bar Or served for 12 years as head of the department of research and sports medicine at the Wingate Institute for Sports and Fitness. A 2-year sabbatical at McMaster led to the invitation to return and put his ideas into practice here.

One of the studies conducted here proved that a test he developed at the Wingate Institute to measure muscle function in healthy adults can be used successfully on children with diseased muscles "and we use it a lot now in our clinical service."

His staff of over 20 at the clinic of which he is now director includes a nurse who is also a physical education graduate, a nutritionist, exercise physiologist, physio-therapist and behavior therapist, as well as pediatric or rehabilitation residents, medical and post-graduate students and a research group. This fall he is expecting an Israeli student who will be working towards her doctoral degree.

So far about 350 children have been seen here and of these, "close to 200 come periodically for checkups and programming." Most are obese and for these it's a matter of motivation to change eating habits and lifestyle. It also means involving the family "who should not only agree but also be enthusiastic."

The word diet is a no-no and the Canada Food Guide "is the cornerstone of our dietician's recommendations," with a lot of emphasis on exercise.

There are rewards and prizes, a "wall of fame" displays photos of children who've done well and for the third year in a row this fall, patients will be participating in the Terry Fox run — "a really heart-warming experience for all of us."

In addition to support from the local Easter Seal, Rotary and similar organizations, the centre has also received donations from Viceroy Reading Lodge, B'nai B'rith and Deborah Sisterhood of Temple Anshe Sholom.

Centre is attracting worldwide attention

Dr. Oded Bar-Or discusses the Children's Exercise and Nutrition Centre.

What's New

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ches are available.....The Cultural Circle meets on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. At the Sept. 30 session **Shlomo Mitzmacher** spoke on the Fall of Secularism.....At the regular luncheon meeting Sept. 17, guest speaker was **Chaim Finkelstein**, educator and director of Bet Reshonay, the Jewish archives, in Tel Aviv.....The winter Florida trips are oversubscribed and reservations are no longer being accepted.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

On Thursday, Oct. 9, the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is presenting Writing the Short Story with **Robin Skelton** of the University of Victoria. The time is 1.30-2.30 p.m. This is open to the public and is free of charge.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Oct. 8 at 1.30 features **Jeff** from Troubadours Unlimited in a program of Yiddish and Hebrew songs. After the entertainment, refreshments will be served. Admission is $1.25 members, $1.75 non-members.

The Friendship Circle for people over 55 and living on their own will meet on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in the music room. **Constable Percy** will speak on Security and Safety for Seniors. Charge is $1 members only.

A 10-session mah jong instruction course with **Marsha Lindzon-Marsh** will run Oct. 16-Dec. 18. Class is limited to 15 people. This is given in cooperation with the North York Board of Education and is free to members and all seniors. Book early. Call **Barbara Resnick** at 225-2112.

About People

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Gerda Frieberg is the newly appointed national chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. A Holocaust survivor, Mrs. Frieberg has been actively involved in the Jewish community for more than 20 years. An executive member of both Toronto Jewish Congress and Canadian Jewish Congress, she chaired a committee to establish the Toronto Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre and is currently its chairman.

Gerda Frieberg

AWARD WINNERS

Among the five winners of Ontario Psychology Foundation Awards presented to individuals dedicated to the psychology of growing older are Baycrest VIPs **Dora Till**, founder president of the Women's Auxiliary, for her work as a volunteer, and **Sam Ruth**, president of Baycrest Centre Foundation, for his contribution to the development of services to the elderly.

A THIRD TERM

Judy Jordan-Austin was re-elected president of the Social Planning Council of Metropolitan Toronto at a recent meeting of the board of directors. This will be her third 1-year term as president.

A former chairman of the Toronto Board of education and a former president of the Community Day Care Coalition and the Learnxs Foundation, she is a current member of the planning, allocations and government relations committee of the United Way of Greater Toronto and an executive committee member of the Metro Agencies Work group on Children's Services.

IHR HA-MELECH EXECUTIVE

The new executive of Kingston's Ihr Ha-Melech Congregation is headed by president **Bruce Berman** with vice-president **Gilbert Rosenberg**, treasurer **Joan Axelrod**, secretary **Linda Abbott**, director of religious affairs **Michael Levison**, director of religious school **Debbie Walker**, and member at large **Marilyn Kelman**.

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE TORONTO BOARD OF RABBIS

On Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur we proclaim our hopes for the survival of man and for the survival of the Jewish people. As we stand on the threshold of the Jewish New Year, 5747, our attention has been drawn in recent weeks to the dastardly terrorist acts perpetrated against innocent civilians in Karachi and Instanbul. In light of these atrocities against man, it is very easy to point a finger at man's bestiality. Though there is an acute awareness within Jewish thought of man's propensity for animality, there is, at the same tme, full appreciation for man's marvelous potential to perform deeds of loving kindness. We, thus, affirm during the "Days of Awe" man's capacity for living nobly, man's knowing that he is of God and that, within him. God-like possibilities are waiting to be harnessed by him. The image of celebrating Rosh Hashana as the birthday of the world and of our being on trial for our lives makes it incumbent upon us as human beings to be deeply concerned with the global issues affecting the destiny of the world; among other issues of war, peace, starvation and pollution.

We commit ourselves, at the same time, as Jews to a deep-rooted particularism. Our deeds resolve around the complementary poles of universality and of particularism. We embrace the notion that both Adam and Abraham are our spirtual fathers. Thus, it is with a sense of joy and responsibility that we nurture the spirit of universal love while anchored to the particular material and spiritual needs of the Jewish community and the State of Israel. We may be justifiably proud of the quality and vibrancy of cultural and religious life in Toronto.

Similary, we take pride in Israel's accomplishments as it strives to give shape to a total social and political order. Appreciating Israel means our rejecting romanticism, platitudes and abstractions and to truly understand that Israel testifies to the will and fortitude of a people to expose the prophetic dream of justice, righteousness and compassion to the litmus test of reality. Israel is witness to the Jewish people's courage toface reality with all its complexities and shortcomings. Viewed from such a perspective, Israel has achieved much and isdeserving of praise. We especially applaud the Jewish state's stamina as its leaders and citizens valiantly commit themselves to fashioning a cohesive, communal unity from the disparate groups and interets which make up the Ingathering.

As the New Year dawns, the hour calls upon us to re-affirm our faith in the possibility of renewal. May the "Days of Awe" inspire us to internalize the insight of the Hassidic master, Nachman of Bratzlav, who said: "He who does not pursue ultimate goals of wastes his days. If we keep our eyes on the goal we will get there."

Rabbi David Azen, Rabbi Bernard Baskin, Rabbi Arthur Beilfeld, Rabbi Deborah Brin, Rabbi Michael Brown, Rabbi Michael Celniker, Rabbi David Cooper, Rabbi Lawrence Englander, Rabbi Avraham Feder, Rabbi Eliot Feldman, Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg, Rabbi Ed Goldfarb, Rabbi Daniel K. Gottlieb, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Rabbi Sheldon Korn, Rabbi Howard M. Markose, Rabbi Harvey W. Meirovich, Rabbi Dow Marmur, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg, Rabbi Philip S. Scheim, Rabbi Erwin Schild, Rabbi Barry Shneider, Rabbi Israel N. Silverman, Rabbi Ned J. Soltz, Rabbi Solomon Spiro, Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, Rabbi Moshe Stern, Rabbi Michael Stroh, Rabbi Sol Tanenzapf, Rabbi Lawrence Troster, Rabbi Irwin E. Witty.

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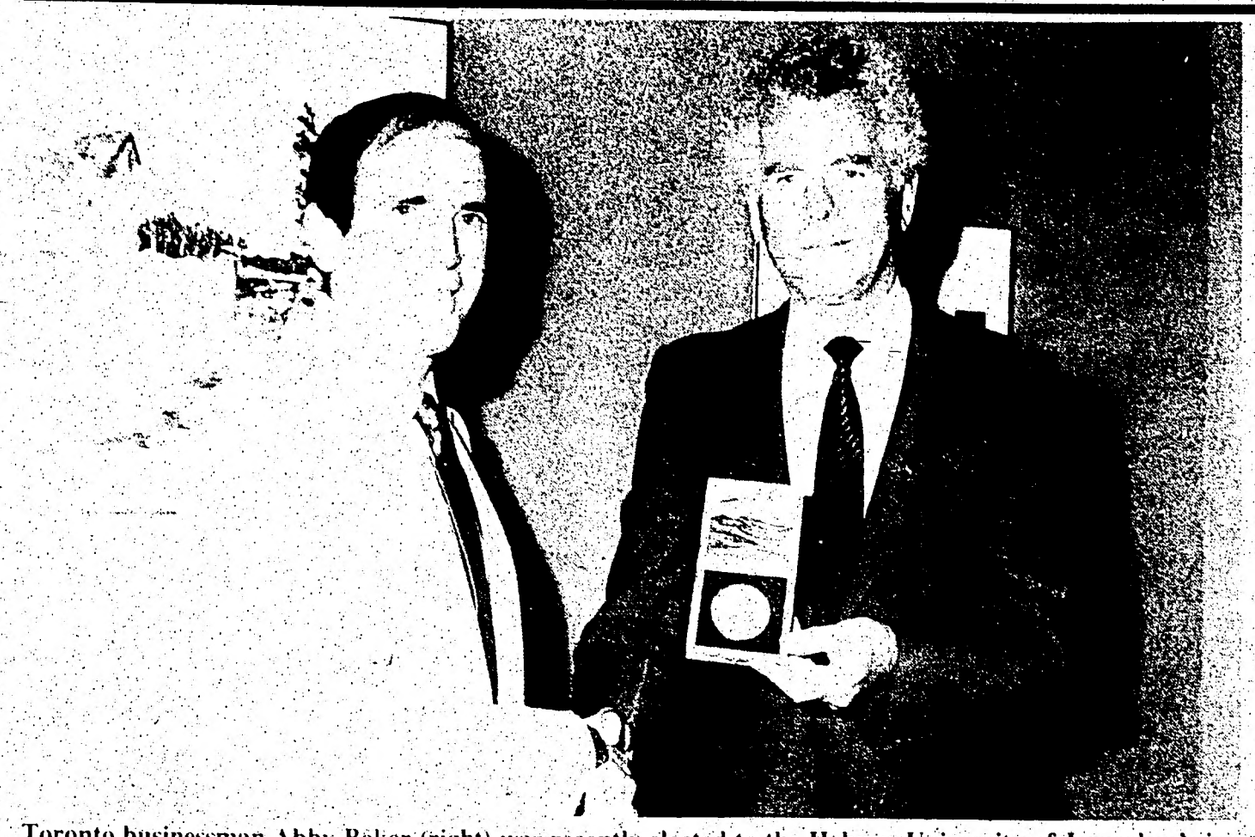

Toronto businessman Abby Beker (right) was recently elected to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's international board of governors. He is shown receiving the university's official medal from Joel Alpert, executive vice-president of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Vital to Israel's future

Beker an HU governor

TORONTO —

Abby Beker, president of Beker Fashion Enterprises, has been elected to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's international board of governors.

The board, one-half of which is made up of Jewish community leaders from the Diaspora, is the Hebrew University's highest governing body.

In a recent interview, Beker, an active member of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, said he was looking forward to assuming his responsibilities as a governor of the University.

He said he feels the university's work is vital to Israel's future because of the country's lack of natural resources. "Israel's only advantage over its enemies is its brain power, and the Hebrew University plays a vital role in developing this resource," he said.

In addition to his work on behalf of the Hebrew University, Beker promises trade between Canada and Israel.

"Four years ago, we started doing business with a knitwear manufacturer in Ramat Gan (a suburb of Tel Aviv). In the beginning, it was very hard going, but now the business is paying for itself, and is growing substantially. As a result, we have ambitious plans to expand the trade between Beker Fashion Enterprises and Israel," he said, adding that he is currently selling Israeli-made products to more than 600 Canadian stores under the brand name of Dorina, Haber Knits and Adam and Eve.

In 1984, Israel's ministry of industry and trade presented him with the Israel Trade Award for his efforts on the country's behalf.

Beker also supports the Israel Tennis Centre, the Reena Foundation, Associated Hebrew Day Schools, and the Association for the Welfare of the Soldiers of Israel.

"I try to do as much as I can for the Jewish community, because I know that when I needed help, when I came to Canada as a kid, the community was very helpful," he said.

Uninsured drivers take risks

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Although more than 20,000 Ontario drivers were convicted last year of driving without car insurance, it is impossible to estimate just how many uninsured drivers there are, says a senior information officer with the ministry of transportation and communications.

"It's just one of those cases where if the driver is not stopped we don't know he is breaking the law," says Doug Cowan.

Cowan says that although a car licence cannot be renewed without insurance, many people take out insurance, get their licence sticker and then cancel the insurance because they cannot keep up the payments.

"Some drivers have to pay up to $2,500 a year for insurance. They can't afford such a high premium, but they refuse to stop driving. These people gamble they won't get caught and often they don't."

He adds that even if they are stopped for a driving violation or a spot check, the fine for not having insurance is only $53.

"Some drivers foolishly think that the worst that can happen is they will have to pay the fine. They don't think about what would happen if they ever caused a car accident."

Cowan explains that if a driver is hit by an uninsured motorist he can put in a claim to the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund. "The victim is paid $1,400 from this fund and the uninsured motorist is billed that amount."

He stresses, however, that could be just the beginning of astronomical costs. "What if the driver is laid up and cannot work? He could sue the accused for thousands and thousands of dollars. It could mean the loss of a life's savings."

Cowan says that if the uninsured motorist is found guilty and he has no money, the courts could issue a judgement against him. "This means that any future assets he may earn would have to be turned over. He could be financially ruined for life."

Cowan says that when thought about in those terms "$2,500 doesn't really seem a lot of money. Car insurance may just be the best purchase of one's life."

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UJA CAMPAIGN LIFE-LINE

Participants at Young Adults evening program which focused on Jewish journalists, are from the left, Steve Paikin, Michele Landsberg, Linda Press and Judy Siblin.

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Super Sunday, the annual community-wide UJA telephone marathon, is slated for **November 2** at the Lipa Green Building.

The seventh annual community telethon, traditionally one of the most strategic days on the campaign calendar, will be chaired by **Alan** and **Lorraine Sandler.**

It is a day when 500 volunteers representing a cross-section of Toronto's Jewish community, come together in a common endeavor, to commit themselves to several hours on the telephones or to help out with administrative duties.

It is a day when age barriers and generation gaps disappear as youngsters, oldsters and those in between, band together to give their time to a labor of love, as members of the world-wide community of Jews.

"Tzedakah is what it's really all about," says **Lorraine Sandler.** "Tzedakah is a two-way street. When you devote your time and effort to a day such as this, you get back as much as you give. It enhances your own Jewishness and sense of involvement."

The format will be similar to that of past years — four separate three-hour time slots preceded by canvasser orientation sessions, plus lots of "noshing" and fun throughout the 12-hour day.

Sign up now by calling UJA Super Sunday headquarters at 635-2883, to pick your preferred time.

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Outlook '87, the joint Accountants and Lawyers Divisions second annual function held at the Metro Convention Centre, attracted an even larger attendance than last year.

Marshall (Mickey) Cohen, President of Olympia & York Enterprises, was the keynote speaker (report in this edition of CJN). He was introduced by Honorary Co-chairman **Eddie Goodman,** who set the tone of the program with light-hearted wit.

Leon Bleiwas, Program Co-chairman, literally came to the Convention Centre right off the plane from Israel where he had participated in the UJA Major Gifts Mission. Jet lag had not as yet set in. He was still fueled by unbounded enthusiasm, which he transmitted to the audience, recounting highlights from four days of non-stop activity.

Speaking on behalf of UJA was Toronto Jewish Congress President, **Ron Appleby.** Ron presented a graphic outline on where UJA dollars are allocated for local needs as well as in Israel. He concluded by stating that contributors to United Jewish Appeal become "the greatest benefactors," reaping an inner satisfaction that comes from one Jew helping another.

Other program principals included **Murray Perelman** and **Marvin S. Kates.**

At the program's close, there was no doubt that there will be an Outlook '88.

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Speaking of enthusiasm, the 53 women who went on the first UJA mission to Boston, still haven't descended from the clouds.

It was two full days which took in Brandeis University, breakfast at the State House with the wife of the Governor of Massachusetts, a viewing of contemporary Israeli art, tour of Jewish Boston . . . you name it.

Credit belongs to **Susan Goldberg** who was instrumental in setting up the itinerary.

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One of the busiest divisions going is the Business & Professional Women's Network. Under the chairmanship of **Glennie** and **Bruria Lindenberg,** there have been parlor meetings with capacity turnouts at each function, an evening of Israeli art, and the programs just keep blossoming.

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The second Synagogue telethon has been scheduled for Thursday, October 9 by Chairman **David Stokes** and **David West.** Following on the success of the first one, they plan to have a much larger participation this time out.

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UJA has moved into the computer age with its newly-organized Computer and High-Tech Division.

The divisions's first function took place at the Ontario Science Centre (where else?) on September 29. **Art Benjamin** of On-Line People, was the featured guest.

Topic for the evening arranged by Chairmen **Robert Cherniak** and **Fred Winegust,** was "Information System & Jewish Ethics."

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Would you believe the first meeting of the 1987 Walk for Israel committee took place on September 30?

The 1986 combined walk and festival did so well (we've almost reached the $200,000 figure), planning for a bigger and better day has begun much earlier than in past years.

Bobby Katz and **Larry Shapiro** are Co-ordinating Chairmen for the day; **Gloria Clamen** is Walk Chairman; and in charge of the Festival is **Barbara Lampcov.**

We'll keep you posted on what's happening.

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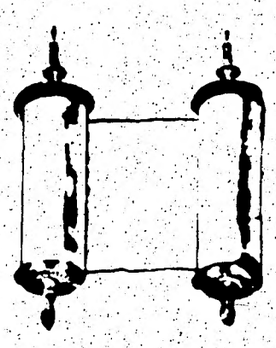
Organizations and People



sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Rosh Hashanah 5747 . . . May it be for a blessing, amen!

This is the season for cantors — great, good, and "the best we could find . . ."

A certain Jew stood at the bimah and pained the ears of the congregation with his praying.

Afterwards, Reb Aizel Carif approached him and asked whether he had yahrzeit (annual memorial for the dead, when it's a mitzvah to lead the service) or was he just donating his services.

"No yarhzeit," beamed the "cantor" proudly. I'm donating my singing . . ."

"If so," commented Reb Aizel, "you are the most generous person in town. You won't find anyone in town who will donate what he doesn't have, and you have no voice but are offering it all up . . ."

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We have a good God, we are a holy people. Isn't it time we made our peace with Him, drew close to Him?

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The opposite with sins, with transgressions. When we do something wrong, and we blot it out of our minds — God writes it down in His little book. Time. Place. Aveirah. We forget. He doesn't.

But when we sin and then remember to repent; if we've insulted someone to "beit machilah" (ask forgiveness); if we've forgotten to light Shabbos candles, we make up by lighting even more candles in the future; if we've neglected Torah study, and we take up again a Bible or Talmud, we remember, we sigh (just a little) . . .

When we remember that we have to improve — so then God "forgets" our faults. (Rabbi Moshe Leib of Sassov)

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But above all, joy, confidence, faith. The Baal Shem Tov visited a town that badly needed a mikva. The rich town miser refused to donate, until the Baal Shem Tov promised him that his wife would bear him a child — although it was impossible by natural means.

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William Stevenson at book fair

Author lauds "centrality" of Jews

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Author journalist William Stevenson delighted a Jewish Book Fair audience here recently with his answer to why he, a Gentile, should write so much about Jewish concerns.

"Jews are in the forefront of arts, culture and human achievement," he said. "They happen to be in the centre of the topics that interest me.

"A better question might be: 'Why don't all writers write more about Jewish things?' "

Stevenson, in dark gray suit and graying blond hair, elicited hearty applause throughout his 40-minute far-ranging talk and subsequent question period. His 11 published books include Strike Zion, an account of the Six Day War, and 90 Minutes at Entebbe, about the dramatic Israeli rescue of airline hostages 10 years ago from dictator Idi Amin's Uganda.

Stevenson's latest book is the novel eclipse, a political thriller set in World War II. Its themes include an Allied bureaucratic conspiracy to avoid bombing the concentration camps and disrupt the machinery of the Holocaust. The possibility of such a deliberate policy shared by British and U.S. bomber commands has become increasingly likely in light of recently declassified documents.

"I was first asked about this many years ago by my publisher in Jerusalem," he said. "His wife, who was born in what was then Palestine, came to hate the British, and she refused to speak English."

"I answered that it was quite unlikely because as far as I knew" — Stevenson had been a young navy pilot during the war — "the camps in Eastern Europe were out of our bombers' reach. And there was also a matter of priorities."

Stevens admitted that the answer failed to satisfy himself as well as the publisher. The question remained in the back of his mind until it sprang forth several years ago, he said, when he came across photos of Auschwitz taken by U.S. Flying Fortress bombers on their way to bomb nearby industrial plants. "One photo clearly showed the gas chambers, barracks and other facilities, which were labeled," said Stevenson. "In another photo, you could see the bombs (dropped by the plane) sweeping down and away from the concentration camp."

These brought new questions to mind, as well as destroying answers to old ones. "If bomber command was afraid that a direct drop of Allied bombs might kill Jews — Auschwitz escapees implored bombings despite the likelihood of casualties — it could have skidded its bombs in against walls and fences to provide a chance of escape," he said. "Low-flying bombers did that to Gestapo headquarters in Denmark to allow captured leaders of the Danish resistance to flee."

Stevenson said he wrote Eclipse as fiction because "there were too many questions as yet unanswered" and because "non-fiction does not allow for the proper expression of anger and outrage."

Stevenson said his interest in aviation first drew him to Jewish matters, when he went to Israel to do a documentary on its air force just before the Six Day War. He described it as now being "the best tactical air force in the world."

Stevenson credited the Israel Defence Forces with intimidating the Soviets from "adventurism" in the Middle East.

"No, I do not believe the IDF has contributed to tensions in the area by compelling the Russians to further arm their client states," said Stevenson in response to a question from the audience. "The opposite is true."

Stevenson deplored the West's relative neglect of Israeli anti-terrorism experts, "the best in the world," even by the U.S. "But then, England and the U.S., two very close allies, had their differences, too, during World War II."

Stevenson pointed out that Israeli intelligence alerted its U.S. counterpart earlier in the year that a certain navy diver in the Suez was targeted by terrorists for assassination because of his suspected link to the CIA. "The U.S. ignored the tip. The man was killed in due course."

He stated: "Israel has a right to strike at any terrorists or terrorist base. But who acknowledges it outside of Israel?"

Stevenson lauded Israeli policy as the only effective method of dealing with perpetrators of wanton destuction. "You negotiate with patriots, but strike at terrorists," he said.

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"Israel needs our wholehearted support"

UIA Ontario to aim for 20% increase in 1987

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

United Israel Appeal Inc. Ontario Region will work to achieve better understanding of the importance of its campaign and strive for a 20% increase in contributions in 1987, chairman David Steinberg said recently at the annual general meeting at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

"We have to come up with new and better ideas every year to improve on our achievements. Israel needs our wholehearted support," Steinberg said at the meeting, held in conjunction with the annual general meeting of UIA Canada.

"Now that we have brought the Ethiopian Jews to Israel we must integrate them socially and economically into the fabric of Israeli society," he said.

Steinberg enumerated both the accomplishments of 1986 (including successful missions to Israel and Hungary), and challenges (recognition of the centrality of Israel to Jewish life and dignity), that await for 1987.

He enters his second year as chairman with the stated personal goal of visiting more communities in Ontario.

Steinberg made special note of retiring long-time executive director of the region, Ben Ocopnick, whom he described as "one in a million."

Ocopnick, a former Mahalnik, retires in December and will be succeeded by Barney Harris, national field director of UIA Canada Inc. Ocopnick and his wife Sheila plan to move to Israel by the fall of 1987.

As this is a non-elections year, Mort Abramsky, chairman of the nominations committee announced two co-options. Dr. Isser Dubinsky joins the executive, and Judy Hershberg becomes co-chairman of the Women's Division.

The current chairman of the Women's Division, Sharon Hochberg of Windsor, said it has become a challenge to transmit to the younger generations the commitment of their parents.

Though there has been a loss of population and some volunteers have suffered burnout, the leadership must continue to work to bring young people into the organization, she said.

Hochberg presented Lion of Judah pins (for donations of $5,000 or more) to Judy Hershberg and Eleanor Lambert of St. Catharines.

She announced that Sandra Nepon of St. Catharines and Celia Finer of Oshawa have also qualified for the award.

In introducing Lou Sklar, Project Renewal chairman, Steinberg told the assembly that Sklar had won the Kaplan Prize, given for outstanding achievement by an individual who has furthered Israel's economic, industrial and social development.

It is the first time a non-Israeli has received the award, Steinberg noted. Sklar, his counterpart from Milwaukee and two leaders from Or Yehuda are receiving the award for their work in that community.

"Zionism in its full meaning did not work in these neighborhoods. These people were integrated but they were not absorbed. Project Renewal is the real Zionism of the 1980s," said Sklar.

Today Or Yehuda is a success story, Sklar proclaimed. It is regarded as a model of success for neighborhood rehabilitation, with a reduction in delinquency, infant mortality, increases in the number of students completing high school and improvements in the quality of education overall.

The project is now beginning to wind down so the residents can tend to their own affairs, he stated.

The success of Or Yehuda, Sklar added, destroyed the myth that its inhabitants were too weak to better their conditions.

Dr. Avraham Avi-hai, world chairman of Keren Hayesod, holds a book presented to him as a gift by retiring UIA Canada president Allan Offman at the joint national/Ontario region luncheon. [Graphic Artists photo]

Now, he said, they only want us to come and visit them. "They are beginning to look at us as extended family."

"You do not take people out of slums, you take slums out of people," said the guest speaker Dr. Avraham Avi-hai, world chairman of Keren Hayesod, about Or Yehuda.

Despite the success of that and other projects Avi-hai said he felt a growing sense of danger, a growing rift between those who are in Israel, and the "third" generation in the Diaspora.

The first generation knew anti-semitism; knew the Holocaust, and saw the birth of the State of Israel.

The second, though more assimilated, also looked to Israel as a unifying force. But what is there to offer the third ? Are slogans really enough ?, he asked.

Those in the Diaspora do not fully appreciate the Jewish state, Avi-hai said. "For us wars and triumphs were not something we saw on television."

To educate those in the Diaspora about Israel, he said, requires not transmitting information, but transmitting experience.

"The campaign will be measured in dollars and cents...the depth of campaign cannot be measured."

It is a struggle for Jewish survival, he said, and a war against apathy and affluence. But those in the Diaspora must remember that Israel gives us much more than we can give Israel, he stressed.

"We have accomplished tremendous things in Israel. We have taken a homeless people and made a homeland; but we have yet to take a homeless people and make them a united people. That will take many generations."

Toronto-born Avi-hai made aliya in 1952. Besides serving in a variety of governmental positions, he has also been Dean of the School for Overseas Students of the Hebrew University, and has taught political science there and at Bar Ilan University.

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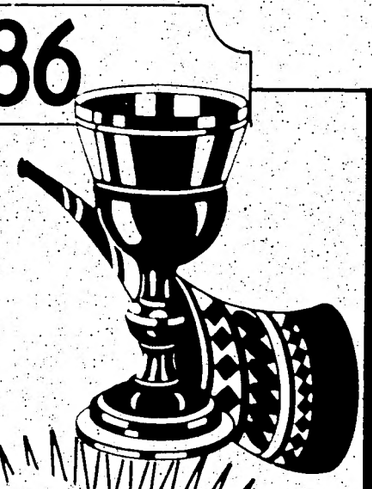

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Organizations and People

Former Manitoba chief justice

Israel Bonds honors Freedman

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
He was described as the supreme Jewish symbol of our time in this part of the country, a man of great humility, a man known internationally for his compassion and charity, devotion to learning and passion for justice.

More than 800 well-wishers packed the ballroom of the Westin Hotel in Winnipeg to sing the praises of Samuel Freedman, the former chief justice of Manitoba and the former chancellor of the University of Manitoba.

At the same time, they commemorated the centenary of the birth of the late David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first time Prime Minister.

Freedman was one of 100 Jewish community leaders chosen worldwide by the State of Israel Bonds Organization to be presented with a bust of Ben-Gurion to mark the centennial.

Messages of congratulation from friends and colleagues throughout the world were read out. Out-of-town guests included Morris Wosk, the Vancouver nominee, Edward Bronfman of the international nominating committee, Jean Chretien, Julius Briskin, executive vice-president of Israel Bonds, and the keynote speaker, Prof. Maxwell Cohen.

This evening marked the first occasion Cohen, Freedman and master of ceremonies Sol Kanee have shared the same platform since the three of them formed a debating team in Minneapolis on behalf of the Menorah Society in 1929.

David Stitz, chairman of the board of governors of Israel Bonds, told the audience how Freedman reacted when notified that he had been chosen as the honoree. "He turned to me with a tear in his eyes and asked: 'Why me?'," said Stitz. "I was stunned by his modesty. It took several days before he accepted.

"This was the first time we had a dinner sold out within 60 days of its being announced. We disbanded our phoning committee before it got going."

After short messages from Julius Briskin and Manitoba's Lieutenant-Governor Pearl McGonigal, Justice Guy Kroft introduced Maxwell Cohen. "Although Thomas Wolfe said you can't go home again," said the former Winnipegger, "I am semi-living proof that you can."

In a speech liberally salted with literary allusions from both classic and modern literature, Cohen reminisced about high school days, analyzed Winnipeg's strong historic sense of multiculturalism and heaped praise on his old friend and colleague as one of the great men of his era, "the like of which we will not see again for a long time."

Making the official presentation of the bust to Freedman was Dr. Arnold Naimark, president of the University of Manitoba and the founder of the Winnipeg Branch of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University. Naimark detailed the life and times of David Ben-Gurion and noted that "tonight is an occasion to celebrate both David Ben-Gurion and Samuel Freedman."

He spoke of Samuel Freedman's deep commitment to education as lecturer and later chancellor of the University of Manitoba and his long involvement with the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Freedman's own response was brief due in part to the lateness of the hour. He reminisced about his only meeting with Ben-Gurion in 1957 and told a few anecdotes.

The evening ended on a sombre note with a moment's silence for the victims of the Neve Shalom Synagogue massacre in Istanbul before the guests began filing out.

Justice Samuel Freedman holds Ben-Gurion Centennial Award.

Kanter set for services

TORONTO —
Toronto-born Elana Kanter, a 3rd year student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, will be conducting Kehillat Ahavat Hesed's first High Holiday service.

"This will be the first time a student woman rabbi will be officiating at a Conservative High Holiday service," Shawn Zevit, a congregation organizer, told The Canadian Jewish News. "The response has been tremendous," he added. "We are filled to capacity.

Kanter is the daughter of Shammai Kanter, the former rabbi of Beth Am Congregation before it merged with Beth David, years ago. She is married to another rabbinical student in the seminary, where she is the social action coordinator.

Kehillat meets for services on Shabbat and holidays at the Toronto Zionist Centre, 188 Marlee Ave. About 85 adults and 50 children are expected for the High Holiday services.

Kehillat's High Holydays coordinator is Lee Liebask.

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TORONTO —
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Organizations and People

Seen at the recent Symposium on Women and Health are co-chairman Prof. Blossom Wigdor (left), Henrietta Chesnie (right), and speaker Elaine Brodie.

Health symposium concludes:

Women should stress needs

By
NOMI MORRIS

TORONTO —

The Ontario controversy over extra billing has diverted attention from the urgent need for our health care system to accommodate a growing number of elderly, most of them women, says Joan Watson, a journalist, consumer advocate, and chairman of the Canadian Medical Association's 1984 Task Force on the Allocation of Health Care Resources.

Watson was speaking at a recent symposium on women and health presented by the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary and the University of Toronto's Program In Gerontology.

"There is one underlying root cause of the inadequacies in community services for the elderly and that is a callous disregard for their worth in society," Watson told an audience of 600 health care professionals and lay people.

The host of CBC-TV's consumer show Marketplace said that while Jews and certain other cultures have traditionally revered their elders, today community services for them are undervalued.

The number of Canadians over 65 will increase by 40% in the next 15 years, and with women outliving men by an average of 10 years, "the face of the new geriatric generation is female," Watson said.

There will be a major increase in the already large number of women living alone and in poverty, she added.

Watson advocated reforms that would allow the elderly individual to maintain the greatest degree of independence and choice while enjoying easy access to medical facilities.

She called for sufficient housing in group home and cooperative arrangements and an integral approach to community services.

"We cannot warehouse our elderly. It must be painful to wake to a new day and realize that the only thing you could do to make an impact on those around you is to die."

She called for the Peterson government to renew its grant to the Gerontology Research Council of Ontario, and asserted that the territories of health care workers must be redefined particularly in favor of women.

She criticized the role of the physician as the gatekeeper to all services and said there is a strong case to be made for registered nurses to perform many common medical tasks at less cost.

Watson also warned against the "rapture of technology" and questioned whether restorative surgery is always appropriate when dealing with certain elderly patients.

She urged women to take leadership roles in the field of gerontology and not to be used as a cheap labor force to deal with the increased burden of an aging population.

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Some of the original founding members of Adath Shalom Congregation are seen in this photo. In the back row (from left) Lou Manpel, Sam Canton, Toby Saperstein, Cantor Martin Rosenblum, Issy Grossberg, Morris Richman. In the front row (from left) are Jack Borovoy, Isaac Wax, Fanny Marigold, Ethel Siegerman, Rose Rogow, Esther Hoffman, Joe Krehm.

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Adath Shalom reaches 60

TORONTO —

Adath Shalom Congregation, which began modestly in 1926 with about 14 members at the back of Hyman's book store on Spadina St., celebrated its 60th anniversary recently with a special service and a lavish banquet and dance.

Congregation president, Sam Breslow, is already looking forward to the 75th anniversary of the synagogue that grew out of informal meetings of a group of immigrants from Minsk.

But the Minsker Farband soon outgrew Hyman's location and moved their meetings to the Workman's Circle Building at Beverly and Cecil streets. It was there that the Ladies Auxiliary and a bridge club were formed.

The group continued to grow, adding members from the next generation and in 1947 became known as the Young Minsker Social Club. In 1950, they bought a house on Cecil St., converting the main floor into a meeting room and the upstairs into a synagogue.

Then the great northern migration of the Jewish community began, and the organization decided to look for a new home. In October, 1963, they purchased a piece of land at 864 Sheppard Ave. W. where the shul now sits.

Construction was completed in March, 1966. In May of that year, Cantor Martin Rosenblum, who officiated over the special celebratory service, was hired as the congregation's chazzan, completing the transition of becoming Adath Shalom Congregation.

Funds raised here help preemies live

JERUSALEM —

The medical file of the twin baby girl born at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre on April 30 weighed more than either of the infants did at birth!

Leah weighed 1.1 kg. at birth and Rachel weighed 990 grams. Even though they were born two months prematurally and were very tiny, the doctors didn't expact any complications. However, both girls developed respiratory distress. Leah recovered fairly quickly but her sister required the use of the respirator for a far longer period.

Dr. Yoram Glaser, Shaare Zedek's pediatric cardiologist, confirmed that the child's suffering was caused by the fact that her patent ductus arteriosis, a blood vessel that usually closes when a baby is born, remained open. The diagnosis was made through the use of ultrasound equipment.

Surgery was performed to close the ductus and the baby recovered. After three months in hospital, the twins were released home to their parents and older sister and brother.

Support neonatal services

It is estimated that the cost of the medical treatment for the infants was $100,000 each, for which Shaare Zedek must bear the burden, as none of the health services in Israel pays for neonatal treatment.

Dr. Arthur Eidelman, head of the neontatology department, credits the hospital's Canadian supporters with helping to save the lives of these and other babies.

"Thanks to the Toronto Women's Division of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation and the monies raised through your Sara and Al Waxman Center for Maternal and Fetal Medicine project and your Canadian Entertainers' Gift of Life Fund, we can purchase the equipment that is so vital for the treatment of high-risk pregnant women and premature and other at-risk newborns and also train the professionals to care for them," he said.

"Despite all you've given, however, we will need more, because this type of care is so very expensive. Many of the babies, like the Matok twins, require treatment for several months as hospital in-patients and then additional care in our clinics."

The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation has offices in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and a committee in Vancouver.

United voice advocated by dental group head

By
GAYE LEFEBVRE

TORONTO —

Dentists must speak with a united voice if they want to influence the way dentistry is practiced in the future, the president of the Ontario Dental Association told the annual meeting of the Toronto chapter of Alpha Omega, the Jewish dental fraternity.

Dr. Bernard Dolansky warned that insurance plans which contract to pay a dentist on a per visit basis and oblige members of the plan to use particular practitioners undermine private fee for service practices and freedom of choice.

Dolansky proposed several counter-measures including a publicity campaign and an effort by dentists to open private practices to associates to bolster the profession.

The Alpha Omega Toronto chapter, with approximately 740 alumni members, is the largest of the international fraternity and "sets the standard of excellence," Dr. Edward Dweck, the international president, told the audience of over 500 dentists at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Dweck congratulated the chapter for its fund raising which included $75,000 to the University of Toronto dental school renovations and $200,000 to the Baycrest dental clinic, as well as contributions to various projects in Israel.

Alpha Omega began with two chapters in 1907 in order to fight discrimination and aid Jewish students. It has since grown into a professional organization of 125 chapters with some 10,000 members in 20 countries which annually disburses about half a million dollars to needy causes.

Dweck reported on the activities of the past year including a $100,000 donation to Operation Moses (the airlift of Ethiopian Jews to Israel), the opening of the first floor of the Tel Aviv University dental school to which Alpha Omega contributed $10 million, and financial assistance to a Black South African student to enable him to complete dental school.

Chapnick announced the following awards for excellence in dentistry: the Murray Cornish award in oral pathology to undergraduates Nelly Himel and Claire Tjan; the Saul Simon award for high scholastic achievement and participation in Alpha Omega and the community to Dr. William Dayan; and two scholarship awards to Dr. Michael Gardner and Dr. Eva Rosenthal.

Thanks to Alpha Omega

Alpha Omega was also instrumental in the release of Mark Nashpitz, a Jewish prisoner in the Soviet Union who is now studying dentistry at Hebrew University under the sponsorship of Alpha Omega and Hadassah-WIZO, said Dweck.

The meeting marked the inauguration of the Alpha Omega Israel Bonds campaign by the president of the Toronto chapter, Dr. Barry Chapnick.

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Volunteers honored at CJSE's annual meeting

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Anyone who thinks volunteers are unappreciated, just hasn't spoken to the Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly.

While CJSE is now stable financially, runs successful programs, and boasts a staff that is not just competent but dedicated, what makes the agency so special is its volunteers, Dr. Ralph Shedletsky, president of CJSE's board of directors, told its recent annual meeting at Beth Tzedec.

"I can't say enough about the importance of our volunteers."

Shedletsky stressed the importance of increasing efforts to keep the elderly in their own homes. Through such services as volunteer visitors, meals on wheels, and homemaking and housekeeping, the aged are enabled to maintain the dignity of remaining in the community, he said.

Special acknowledgement was given to those who provided funds for Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, including the Ontario ministry of community and social services, the United Way, Toronto Jewish Congress and Hebrew Weston Charitable Services.

Special merit awards

Shedletsky spoke with pride of the agency efforts to develop programs for those suffering from cognitive impairment disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease, as well as for their families. CJSE is working with Jewish Family and Child Service, York University and the Institute of Behavioral Sciences in this effort.

The highlight of the evening was its volunteer recognition program. Vice-president and volunteer development chairman Anita Eckstein echoed Shedletsky's praise of the many important roles the volunteers play in the agency's work, mentioning a new function, that of translator.

"The 442 volunteers provided 36,666 hours of service," says the 1985/86 annual report.

Those 90 volunteers who have been with CJSE for 10 years received an inscribed recognition plaque. "Twenty-five percent of our volunteers have been with us for over 10 years," said Eckstein. "Many have become friends with the people they are helping," she added.

Special merit awards were presented to Sandy Cohen, Sidney Schlussel, Bev—Little, Dorothy Donaghy, Barbara Koblin-Shelley Griesman, Yetta Wiskin and Philip Leitman.

Shedletsky announced the creation of the Marie and Jack Freedman Memorial Award, a special achievement award created by the family of the couple who died in a house fire in the spring of this year.

Accepting the award from their son, Barry Freedman, Eckstein, the first recipient, spoke of the Freedman's many years of active involvement with the agency, much of it in leadership capacities, and of her personal friendship with them.

Friends of the Freedmans presented Shedletsky with a check to furnish the boardroom of the agency's new larger quarters at 530 Wilson Ave., which will be named in memory of the couple. The CJSE expects to move to its new home in early November.

The evening concluded with a concert by the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, followed by refreshments.

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Organizations and People

Soviets link diplomatic ties to peace conference

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

The Soviet Union will not renew diplomatic relations with Israel until the Jewish state agrees to an international conference on the Middle East, insists retired Israeli diplomatic Aba Gefen.

Gefen told a capacity audience at a recent Parents of North American Israelis (PNAI) meeting at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue that he has always encouraged the Israeli government to consent to a renewal of the 1973 Geneva Conference on the Middle East.

Moscow, he says, now realizes that breaking off diplomatic relations in 1967 was a mistake because Moscow was frozen out of the peace process. "The Camp David Accord was hammered out between Egypt and Israel with the help of the U.S. — it can happen the same way between Israel and Jordan."

It is in Israel's interest to renew diplomatic relations, Gefen states. Not only would it strengthen the country's international status, and perhaps diffuse Soviet and some Arab hostility, it would increase economic possibilities and improve ties with the Third World. Also, it would greatly improve the morale of the Jews in the USSR.

"We would be able to hold direct talks on Jewish immigration to Israel, and perhaps inaugurate direct flights from the Soviet Union, to Israel, Gefen told PNAI members.

Although Gefen strongly supports an international conference he demands certain conditions.

First, as Israel always insists, the Palestine Liberation Organization must not be permitted a role. Decisions at the conference must be made on a basis of unanimity, not a majority: "In other words, Israel must have a veto in the proceedings," Gefen said. Finally, the renewal of diplomatic relations must precede the convening of the conference, he added.

Gefen, who was Israel's first consul-general in Toronto, spoke about his years as ambassador to Romania, which he calls a window between Israel and the Soviet bloc.

Although the condition of Jews there is acceptable, and some aliya is allowed, the community is an aging one, and is rapidly disappearing, Gefen said. As well, he lamented the fact that in his five years there, he was not allowed to visit or receive visits from any Jew except the chief rabbi.

He also spoke ruefully of the omniprsent secret service: "In Romania, when you talk to the wall, as we say, you can be sure the wall will report your words — in several languages."

The 143 families belonging to the Toronto chapter of PNAI, as well as their counterparts in Winnipeg and Montreal, are part of the 43 chapters comprising North American PNAI. Bulletin editor and national vice-president Charles King reports the organization wants to expand to other Canadian cities.

PNAI tries in several ways to support their children and grandchildren in Israel, as well as the state itself.

The chapter operates what Edith Sefton described as a "furniture pool," through which visiting offspring can be lent toys, cribs, strollers, or whatever else may be needed.

Toronto PNAI promotes other organizations involved in various aspects of aliya including those dealing with mortgage funding. It is organizing a census of members and their Israeli families, so it can speak more authoritatively on issues concerning them.

In another project, the chapter collects stamps which are sent to the Dorothy and Malcolm Woldenberg Orthopedic Hospital for Handicapped Children in Jerusalem, where they are used for various therapeutic purposes.

Program chairman Victor Sefton told The CJN that the monthly meetings try to make use of visiting professors from Israel to learn first-hand how changing conditions there affect members' children.

Future meetings will feature a tape of the Maccabi Youth Games, held recently in Toronto, and a talk and film by Batya Eisen, a Toronto grandmother who volunteered to work in Israel.

"We are also beginning to plan our 13th international convention, which will be held in Jerusalem in the fall of 1987," he said.

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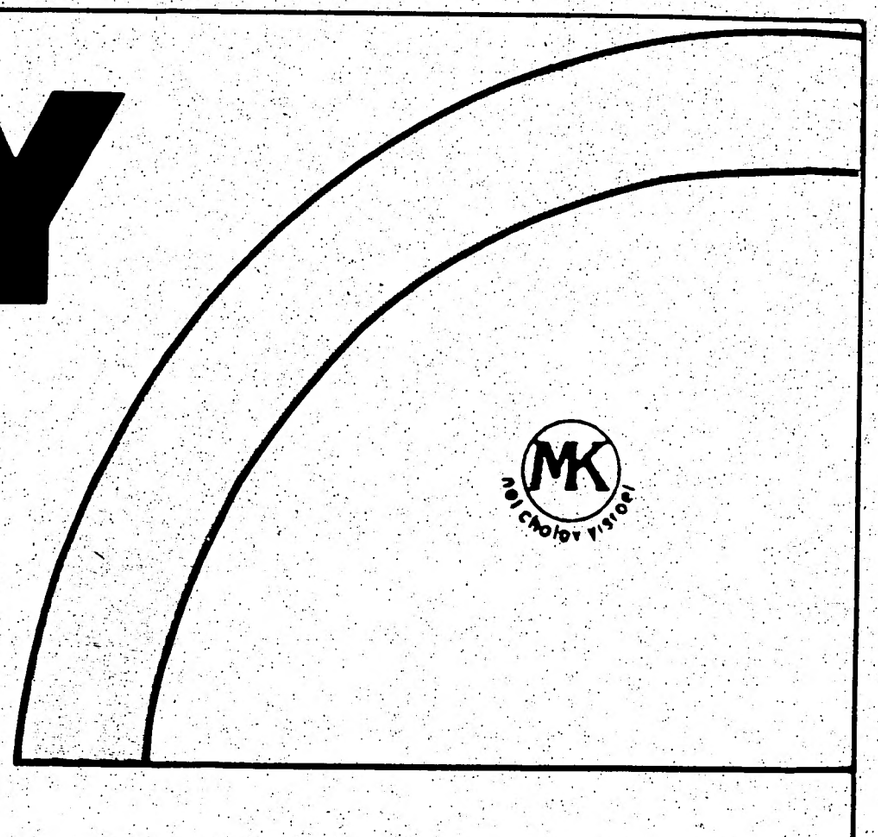

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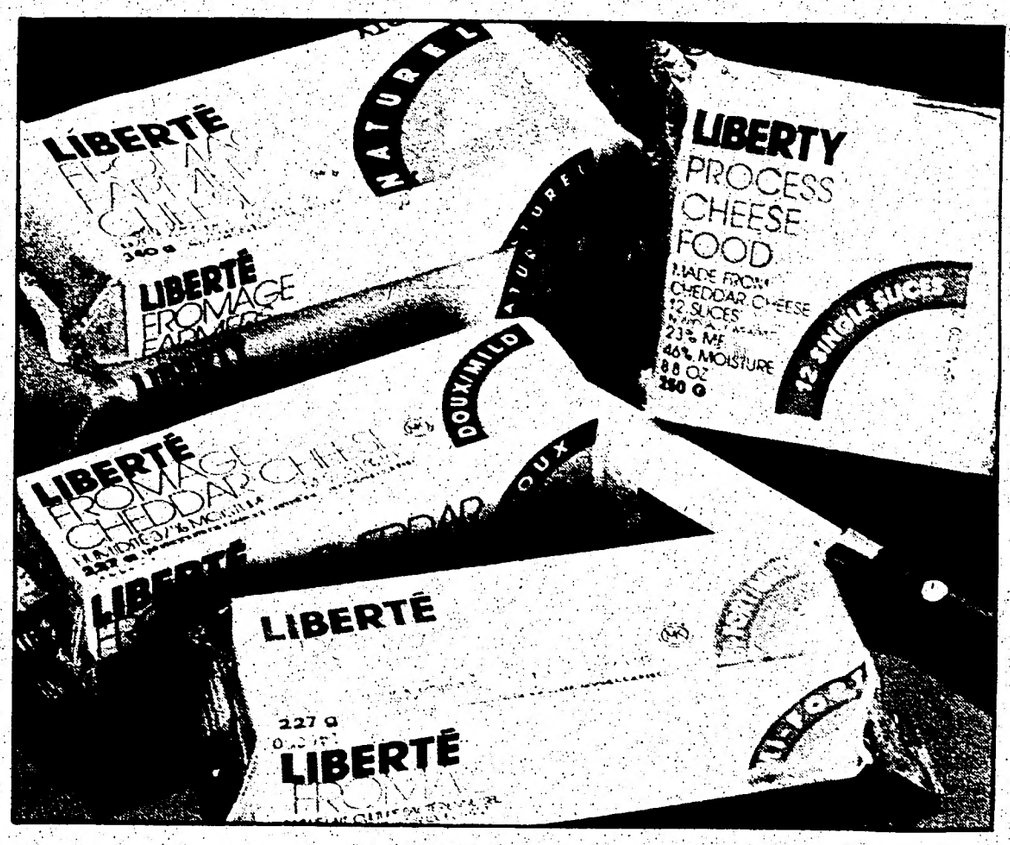

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Organizations and People

From exclusion to acceptance

Kingston shul marks 75th

By
DAVID BIRKAN

KINGSTON, Ont. — Beth Israel Congregation of Kingston celebrated its 75th anniversary with the recent publication of a yearbook commemorating the history and development of the Thousand Island community.

The large format 160-page volume, replete with recent and vintage photographs, is entitled From Strength to Strength.

Jews first arrived in Kingston in a trickle around 1840, from Germany. Few took root there. In 1861, there were only five Jewish residents.

Russian pogroms and the chaos of war in the following decades drove hundreds of thousands of Jews from Eastern Europe to North and South America and Palestine; some came to Kingston.

By 1910, Kingston's general populace of 18,874 included 234 Jews. They settled in the Princess-Division Streets area, and set up shop on Queen St. To maintain their freedom of religious observance, employment largely meant self-employment, as peddlers, tailors and dealers in second hand clothes. When such jobs meant the man of the house spent much time on the road, his wife looked after the business as well as the home.

For example, Annie Rosen, whose husband was a scrap peddler, ran a drygoods and work clothes store. Joseph Abramsky spent more than a year on the road before being able to rent a store on Princess St. for $15 a month; this his eldest daughters ran for several more years until he saved enough money to be able to stay in Kingston and run the store with his family.

The businesses of most itinerant dealers sooner or later stopped rolling and took root. Often they expanded to employ Gentiles — and fellow Jews excluded from Gentile firms and society at large.

One of the area's best known institutions, Queens University, exemplified the general attitude to Jews. Officially a "secular" institution by 1912, Jews were tacitly excluded from its teaching staff. The first tenured Jewish professor was appointed in 1938, Dr. B. N. Kropp in the faculty of medicine. That time also marked the first acceptance of Jewish students in the medicine program. Jews continued to be denied access to the professions until after World War II.

Anti-semitism also varied from schoolyard beatings and teacher hostility to exclusion from social and athletic clubs. Jews were first invited to the prestigious Cataraqui Golf and Country Club in 1965.

The effects were not totally negative. One veteran pointed out that anti-semitism forced Jews to fight and establish themselves on their own. Another said that their Jewish faith was moulded and strengthened.

A cemetery lot was bought in 1897, signalling the community's intention to establish itself.

At the turn of the century, Kingston's Jews were coalescing into two main congregations. The Kingston Independent Hebrew Association, headed by Simon Oberndorffer, a long established settler from Germany, was officially founded in 1902. Membership was $3 a year. The provisions of its constitution included the expulsion of "anyone marrying out of the faith."

The association and the forerunner of Beth Israel met — separately. Jewish services were conducted over what is now Simkin's Sewing Machine Co. on Sydenham St., the Oddfellows Hall on Princess, the Board of Education building, and in the former Windsor Hotel, currently the Royal Bank on Princess. Through the efforts of scrap dealer Isaac Cohen, which included his pledge to have a synagogue built, the two congregations amalgamated as Beth Israel in 1910.

As a rabbi from Montreal officiated, Oberndorffer laid the synagogue's cornerstone on Oct. 10, 1910, and donned the congregation's mantle of presidency. It was and has been since an Orthodox synagogue, establishing a model for its congregants. The Talmud Torah, until then largely a program taught by an itinerant teacher, found a permanent home, and proceeded to develop.

The shul also served as the nucleus for the community's charitable and social activities, and its youth and women's programs.

As the community grew and prospered in the post World War II years, it hosted new arrivals, from the Middle East, South Africa and Hungary. Their integration is said to be proceeding much more rapidly than in larger Jewish centres like Toronto.

Officiating at the 75th anniversary celebration was synagogue president Norman Sugarman and Rabbi Howard Finkelstein.

Women's auxiliary helped celebrate the shul's 75th anniversary by commissioning a tapestry on Jewish themes.

A young shopper tries out antique chair.

Antique show aids art therapy

TORONTO — Markville Shopping Centre's fourth antique show, Remembrance of Things Past, Oct. 8-11, will feature a variety of displays by 35 dealers across Ontario and Quebec.

Admission is free. Proceeds will be donated to the Toronto Art Therapy Institute. The shopping centre is located at Highway 7 and McGowan Rd.

Royal Ontario Museum staff will be on hand to help identify and evaluate items brought in by the public, free of charge; hours are Thurs. and Fri. 6.30-8.30 p.m.

Dealers' displays will include: formal and country furniture, antique and estate jewelry, porcelains, sterling, 18th and 19th century prints, tall case clocks, medical paraphernalia, antique scientific and nautical instruments, and rare Canadian lamps and lighting devices.

The non-profit Toronto Art Therapy Institute trains art therapists and organizes programs in schools and other institutions to help troubled individuals express debilitating anxieties.

The antique show begins Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. and operates during normal shopping hours Oct. 9-11.

Wallenberg tape created for teachers

EDMONTON — A 36-minute teaching training videotape on Holocaust hero Raoul Wallenberg has been produced by the University of Alberta department of education with the cooperation of the Generation After Committee of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The tape, entitled Wallenberg: Exemplars in Education, includes an introduction to his life and deeds, an interview with Per Anger, Wallenberg's colleague in Hungary and the former Swedish ambassador to Canada, and a segment discussing the applications of the Wallenberg story in education.

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Guest list reads like who's-who in Ontario

Reena marks its bar mitzvah with celebration

TORONTO —

Reena is having a bar mitzvah and its guest list reads like a who's-who in Ontario.

Past honorees, friends of Reena and clients will take part in a candlelighting ceremony at the agency's annual dinner at the Constellation Hotel on Oct. 15.

"We're celebrating an achievement," Sandy Keshen, the agency's executive director, told The CJN. "We've grown to maturity and now provide quality services."

Mila Mulroney, honorary chairman of the dinner, will present the Tammy Gutstein Award, for exemplary commitment to the developmentally handicapped and to the community, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Osborne, of Huttonville, Ont. They have adopted 17 disabled children, some of whom are severely handicapped. Past winners of this award have included Alderman Irving Chapley and Wolf Horowitz.

Among those invited to light candles are Harvey Adelman, Joseph and Helen Berman, Rochelle Carrady, former premier William Davis, Frank Drea, Toronto Sun publisher Paul Godfrey, MC Monty Hall, Sam Handler, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Sandy Keshen, Syrma Kochberg, North York Mayor Mel Lastman, Eleanor London, Ontario Premier David Peterson, Marilyn Raphael, Ontario Minister of Community and Social Services John Sweeney and Irving Ungerman.

Adelman, a past president of Reena Foundation, was instrumental in getting Reena to support other agencies, such as Home Again; Carrady, a founding member of Reena, was instrumental in introducing Helen and Joe Berman to the Foundation, who, in turn, helped spearhead the campaign to establish Camp Reena; Kochberg is past president of Reena and is still actively involved in fund raising for the Foundation; London is immediate past president and is now chairman of the Resource Centre in the Foundation.

Ungerman is the power behind the establishment of the Irving Ungerman Sports Centre at Camp Reena; Kelman is founding president of Reena; Handler is a founding member of Reena and past president; Raphael is president of Reena;

Former Metro Toronto chairman Godfrey is being honored for his support of group homes in all Metro areas; Davis was premier of Ontario when the policy of returning of developmentally handicapped from institutions to the community was introduced and developed; Drea, as minister of community and social services in 1984, helped implement his government's policy on the handicapped; Lastman was the first official to respond to Reena by declaring the Foundation to be a viable organization and worthy of financial support; Sweeney, as minister of community and social services, is being honored for his commitment to social services.

Hadassah-WIZO meet productive

By MYRON LOVE

REGINA —

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's first Prairie conference held recently at Regina's Landmark Hotel was a highly satisfying affair for its 65 participants.

"It was a very good conference," said Harriet Rodin, the organization's Manitoba regional chairman. "The speakers were outstanding and the conference gave us the opportunity to get together with other women who share our lifestyle and climate.

"Manitoba and Saskatchewan women identify with each other better than we do with women in other parts of the country. It left us with a good feeling," Rodin added.

The conference, which attracted delegates from Manitoba and Saskatchewan, also saw the official launching of Hadassah-WIZO Month in both provinces on the steps of the Legislative Building in Regina.

Dignitaries and speakers present for the occasion included Saskatchewan's Lieutenant-Governor F. W. Johnson and his wife, Mayor Larry Schneider of Regina and his wife, and Mrs. Grant Devine, wife of Saskatchewan's Premier, all of whom praised the work of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO in general and Regina Hadassah-WIZO in particular.

Hadassah-WIZO's national president Cecily Peters told the conference about her organization's work across Canada. Ruth Tekoah, chairman of the Israel WIZO Federation, thanked Canada for its active support of Israel and spoke of Jerusalem and its meaning to the Jewish people and mankind.

Other speakers included Canada-Israel Committee president Sidney Spivak, noted Saskatchewan lawyer Morris Shumiatcher and Lily Frank, Hadassah-WIZO national executive vice-president.

Presentations were also made by Lenore Kagan, president of Winnipeg Hadassah-WIZO, Linda Kohen, president of Saskatoon Hadassah-WIZO and Sophie Shibou of Winnipeg.

Discussions were held on membership, fund raising and public affairs.

Co-chairmen of the conference were Cecelia Rotstien and Lorraine Birstein with the participation of Kagan, Kohen, Rodin, Saskatchewan regional chairman Janet Goldberg, and Francie Steen and Mady Grotsky, co-presidents of Regina Hadassah-WIZO.

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Rabbi David Cooper of the Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation (15 Heaton St.) is appealing for Torahs for the Am Echad Congregation in Thornhill, where he used to be spiritual leade.

High Holiday services at Am Echad this year will be held in two venues: the Markham Theatre (Warden and Highway 7) and in Northview Heights secondary school (Bathurst and Finch).

The problem, says Cooper, is a lack of Torahs for the services. Cooper is asking any synagogue, school, community centre or individual with spare Torahs to please donate them temporarily to Am Echad.

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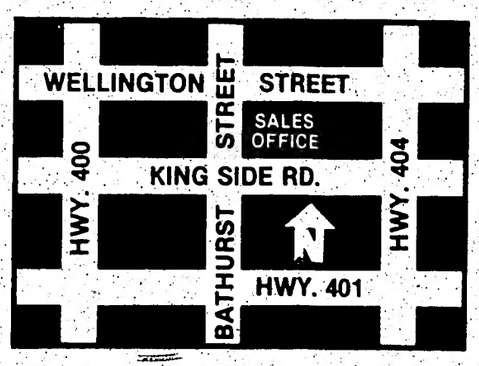

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Fashion show committee members look on with admiration as Gideon Oberson adjusts scarf on model. From left are Marilyn Maierovitz, Maryka Weisz, Lilly Fenig and Jeanette Massouda. [Graphic Artists photo]

UJA Women's Division

Designer boosts fund raiser

TORONTO —

Israeli designer Gideon Oberson made his official Toronto debut recently with a showing of his fall collection at a United Jewish Appeal Women's Division fund raising evening. The show was arranged in conjunction with the opening of Oberson's new Toronto boutique.

Held at the home of Women's Division chairman Sheila Engel, the show attracted an attendance of 80 women who were treated to an exclusive preview of 70 Oberson original creations, ranging from elegant pant and top ensembles, to suits, dresses and evening wear.

Major Gifts co-chairman, Julia Koschitzky, was the evening's UJA spokesman, reminding the women of the primary purpose behind the fashion show — raising funds for Israel and local needs in the Jewish community.

Jeanette Massouda, who organized and chaired the event, reported: "The UJA message came through loud and clear — we had a 30% increase on pledge cards turned in by the end of the evening."

Committee members included: Sheila Engel, Lilly Fenig, Reesa Glustein, Anne Handelman, Linda Hofstedter, Laya Juda, Mira Kohn, Julia Koschitzky, Marilyn Maierovitz, Renee Rubinstein, Judy Scheininger, Joan Stevens and Maryka Weisz.

Reforms democratize Winnipeg council

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

This city now has the distinction of having the most democratically constituted governing body of any Jewish organization in North America, says Prof. Jack London, one of the creators of a reform package recently adopted by Winnipeg's Delegate Assembly of Jewish Organizations.

"The forces of democracy have emerged victorious," London said of the slate of reforms, the most important of which was the abolition of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's nominating committee for election.

"Now, when the WJCC speaks out on issues effecting the Jewish community, takes a stand on issues in the larger community or chooses to comment on subjects of a political nature, it will truly be speaking on behalf of the entire community," the University of Manitoba law professor stated.

In theory, nominations to council have always been open to the Jewish public. In fact, the old WJCC was composed of people approved by the board of directors' nominating committee, representatives of Jewish organizations and various appointees which led over the years to persistent charges of elitism.

Now, anybody in the community who wants to run for council has to be nominated by five members of the community who are eligible voters. For the first time, all Combined Jewish Appeal donors over 18 will be eligible to vote, via mail-in ballots, for candidates in this month's council elections.

The major reforms come as a result of three years of review and study undertaken by the WJCC to determine the future shape and needs of the community.

The End of the Decade Review Committee, headed by Harold Buchwald, held community wide hearings to determine community concerns and its findings were fed to a steering committee chaired by London. The steering committee's task was to suggest how the End of the Decade Committee's recommendations could be implemented and the community's constitution amended.

The reforms did not come to pass without some discord however. "There was a group who argued that a nominating committee should be maintained to ensure sufficient numbers of nominees and the 'appropriate' people be nominated," said London.

There was reported concern that "the bushes would have to be beaten to find people to serve on council," and that a nominating committee would be created, sub-rosa anyway.

When the matter came to a vote, however, it resulted in a tie and the motion to maintain a nominating committee wasn't carried. The rest of the constitutional reform proposals were passed as a block.

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86 Sadowskis celebrate family reunion in Massey

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Belle Sadowski must have felt more than just a tinge of pride seeing her family assembled before her.

They came from Toronto, New Hampshire and Massachusetts to gather at the original family homestead in Massey, Ont.

The occasion: a family reunion of the descendants of Henry and Rose Sadowski, two early Jewish pioneers who made a life for themselves and their family in the remote mining and lumber town of Massey, about 500 km. northwest of Toronto.

At 88, Belle, a daughter-in-law to Henry and Rose, was the oldest, and at 1-year, little Lauren Viner was the youngest in attendance.

All in all, 86 of Henry and Rose's descendants — about 2/3 of the family — made it to the small town of Massey (pop. about 1,200).

They ate together, visited the general store opened by their forebears, traveled to the cottage where the family spent part of the summer each year, traded gossip and enjoyed each other's company.

"The atmosphere was incredible," said Ruth Sadowski, whose husband Marvin is Henry and Rose's grandson. Ruth, who along with sister-in-law Myra headed a committee to organize the event, said there were some emotional meetings when some cousins met each other for the first time.

For most of the 3rd and 4th generation Sadowskis, it was the first time they made it to Massey. In fact, it was an offhand remark made by one of Henry's great-granddaughters in Toronto — that she had never been to Massey — that prompted the idea in the first place.

"We wanted to show them their roots, where they came from," says Ruth Sadowski.

A year in the making, the reunion included a dinner at the town's Legion Hall, a group photo session of all 86 participants and a visit to the Massey museum which contains a display on articles sold by the Sadowskis in their store.

It was in that general store, now slated for demolition, that the family got its start in Canada. It all began back in 1888, when Henry and Rose took up an offer by the Canadian government of 60 free acres of land for those who'd come and develop it.

They heard about the offer in the United States, where the Sadowskis had taken up residence in 1881 after leaving Kiev.

They opened their store, selling groceries, clothing, home-grown produce and meats to the miners and forest workers who lived in the area, says Ruth.

Henry, the family patriarch, was a very observant man who tried, and succeeded, in making Massey livable for Jews. He built a shul above the store, encouraged Jewish families to move there so they could have a minyan, was a mohel who circumcised his own sons and was the town shoichet.

His dedication to Judaism explains why the family retained its Jewish identity in such a remote setting, Ruth believes.

Gradually, however, the children started moving out of town to get a better education, first to larger centres like Sudbury, then to Toronto. Most didn't return and their parents eventually followed them to the larger cities.

Henry's son, Mose, and then Mose's sons Joe and Ray, ran the family business until 1951 when they sold it, bringing the remainder of the family to Toronto.

The town of Massey hasn't forgotten the Sadowskis, however. They can recall the bequest by Ben Sadowski, a well-known Toronto philanthropist, whose generosity built an addition to the Massey Arena in Henry's name.

The men of the town's Legion took the opportunity presented by the reunion to honor Joe Sadowski, presenting him with a plaque as the Legion's first president. And the Women's Institute, a volunteer group, honored Belle as its first president as well.

While there are no immediate plans for another reunion in Massey, Ruth says there's a good chance there will be one next year in Toronto with the 3rd and 4th generation Sadowskis taking the torch from older generations and planning it all themselves.

Three of the four remaining generations of Sadowskis light the Shabbat candles at the Canadian Legion Hall in Massey, Ont. during reunion weekend. Left to right: Joanna Sadowski, Rachael Saslove, Phyllis Sadowski, Alisa Viner, Belle Sadowski, Emily Sadowski, Myra Sadowski, Jennifer Bassett.

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Symbolism in round challahs

Culinary traditions show desire for coming year

By
ESTHER FISHER

Rosh Hashanah culinary traditions convey our homage to the Almighty and our desire for a sweet New Year. Round challahs, thought to have been originated by 18th century Jewish mystics in the Ukraine, symbolize the kingship of the Creator of the Universe. As well, the round shape betokens the complete year for which we hope.

Challahs baked in the form of ladders, once popular, are said to represent the teachings that God hangs ladders in the firmament for souls to ascend or descend as He decrees. Challahs baked in the shape of birds are meant to symbolize the words of Isaiah," As birds flying, so will the Lord of Hosts defend heaven." In Lithuania, crown-shaped challahs represented the Rosh Hashanah prayer," The whole world will crown Thee."

Dipping challah in honey conveys our wishes for a sweet New Year, as does honey cake. And for further insurance, many Jews do not eat sour or bitter foods at Rosh Hashanah.

There are also fish traditions associated with the holiday; aside from gefilte fish, which you can make as sweet or as piquant as you like, some communities observe the custom of eating the head of a fish to symbolize their prayers that God will put them at the head, not at the tail.

For a sweet New Year try the following recipes. The gefilte fish recipe is Estelle Zaldin's new version of a baked fish loaf. Baked, covered with lettuce leaves, the gefilte fish retains its moisture, instead of drying out in the oven. The capon, with apricot and date stuffing, is delicious and pungently sweet flavor entirely appropriate for Rosh Hashanah. And for a variation on honey cake, try the honey nut chiffon cake.

GEFILTE FISH LOAF

2 onions, chopped
½ carrot
1 hard boiled egg
1 raw egg
2 tsps. salt
2 tsps. white pepper
2 tsps. lemon juice
¼ cup sugar (more or less to suit individual taste)
½ cup water
¼ cup matzoh meal
2 tbsps. vegetable oil
2 lbs. chopped fish
Lettuce leaves to cover—

In a food processor, process the onion, carrot, hard boiled egg, raw egg, salt, pepper, lemon juice, sugar, water, matzoh meal and oil until mixture is mushy.

Place mixture and chopped fish in mixmaster bowl, and beat until color and texture change to a spreading consistency. This process may take 5 minutes or longer.

Heat oven to 350 F. Place a pan of water on lower rack of oven. Oil a ring mould very lightly; fill with beaten mixture, working down with fingers to make sure it is firmly packed and there are no air pockets. Cover fish mould with lettuce leaves. Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Remove from oven and allow to cool. Unmold when warm.

CAPON STUFFED WITH RICE AND DATES

1-7 lb. capon
½ cup honey
¼ cup sesame seeds

Stuffing:-

2 onions, diced
2 cups cold cooked rice
1 tsp. cinnamon
⅓ cup finely chopped dried apricots
½ cup dates, pitted and cut into quarters
Salt and pepper to taste
2 tbsps. lemon juice (amount of lemon juice may be reduced to suit taste)

In a skillet, heat 2 tbsps. oil over moderate heat. Add the onion and saute, stirring, for about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Add the rice, cinnamon, apricots, dates, salt, pepper and lemon juice. Mix well.

In a small saucepan, heat the honey, 2 tbsps. oil and salt, over low heat until blended.

Stuff the capon with the rice-fruit mixture. Place in a roasting pan; then brush thoroughly with the honey-oil mixture. Roast in a preheated 350 F oven for about 2 hours, or until done. Baste chicken frequently with the honey-oil mixture. When done, remove from oven, baste with remaining honey mixture and drippings from the pan. Sprinkle all over the sesame seeds. Return to oven for 15 minutes before serving.

Serves 6.

HONEY CHIFFON CAKE

4 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup oil
1½ cups honey
3 cups all-purpose flour
3 tsps. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup cold coffee

Beat eggs well; add sugar and beat at high speed until light and creamy. Add oil and honey, until well medium speed until well blended. Combine dry ingredients and add to mixture, alternately with coffee.

Pour into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan. Bake at 350 F. for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 325 F and continue baking for 1 hour more, or until done.

Remove from oven; invert and cool completely before removing from pan.

Recipe info

The Kashruth Council - Orthodox Division of the Canadian Jewish Congress in Toronto publishes holiday information-recipe pamphlets before each major holiday.

Cynthia Gasner, director of information and public relations for the department, coordinates the educational programs which reach thousands of families across Canada.

This year's 5747 Rosh Hashanah-Succoth includes rainbow mint melon; zucchini, eggplant and tomato soup; overnight brisket roast; crispy colorful salad with garlic dressing; and apple flan.

The recipes are tested and prepared by Esther Schwartz, the kosher food consultant for the Kashruth Council.

Here is one of the recipes from the Rosh Hashanah-Succoth flyer.

OVERNIGHT BRISKET ROAST

(Serves 10-12)
5-6 lb. brisket
Salt, pepper, ginger, paprika
2 tbsp. HP Sauce
4 cloves garlic, crushed
1½ cups orange juice
¾ cup white wine
4 carrots, sliced
3 celery stalks, sliced
3 onions, sliced
3 tbsp. chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 250 degrees.

Place roast in Dutch oven. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, ginger and paprika. Rub HP Sauce and garlic over meat.

Mix orange juice with wine and pour over meat. Arrange vegetables on top. Cover and bake in oven overnight (at least 18 hours or longer).

To serve: Cut meat diagonally across grain in thin slices. Serve with meat juices and vegetables.

This recipe for a juicy roast with vegetables bakes slowly and is perfect for the holidays.

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Inspired in part by dark deed hundreds of years ago

Montreal's sefer mussar pines for translation

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

For the lack of a translator, Rev. Mordechai Kalifon's respected Hebrew sefer (religious tract) languishes unpublished — a 480-page distillation of a lifetime of work and religious admonition inspired in part by a dark event hundreds of years ago.

Kalifon, for many years a shochet, rabbi and businessman in Montreal, has devoted the past 40 years to Sefer Maamar Mordechai. He says it has been endorsed by leading rabbis in Canada and the U.S.

Rev. Mordechai Kalifon

"We face a big problem," the scion of a long line of rabbis, told The Canadian Jewish News in a recent interview. "We don't know how to conduct ourselves properly, one to the other. Jews knowledgeable in Torah often pay more attention to ritual, the mitzvot between man and God, than to the complementary mitzvot and considerations governing the relationships between man and man.

"Torah is one and whole. You can't practice one part of it and ignore the other," he said.

In his sefer, Kalifon recounts and analyzes various experiences since coming to Montreal from Brest-Litovsk in 1927 that demonstrates ethical incongruity.

In first looking for a job, Kalifon was offered work on the condition that he work on the Sabbath — something that as a religious Jew he adamantly refused to do. When he found work, his insistence on wearing his yarmulke on the job once again aroused his boss' ire. In both cases, the employer was an observant Jew, well respected in his Orthodox synagogue.

"Ultimately, the blame must go back to the rabbis and the school teachers," said Kalifon. "It is their responsibility to lead the community in mussar (morals) and to teach it properly to the young. But as they are employees of the community, this is sometimes difficult."

Kalifon's manuscript has been well received by the rabbinic community. It is endorsed by: Montreal Chief Rabbi Pinchas Hirschprung, who checked and initialled every page; Montreal's Rabbi Harry Kaufman; Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Israel's former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi; and leading sages in the U.S. Several of his vouchsayers were among those who gave written character and lineage testimonials on his behalf decades ago.

Kalifon's briefcase bulges with their photos over the years; he himself is pictured in many.

Kalifon is the descendant of 16th century Prague sage the Tosefet Yomtov, Rabbi Yitzhak Lipmann-Heller, whose commentary on the Mishna is an important topic of study to this day. Rabbi Yitzhak, he told The CJN, was the victim of a breach of ethics that nearly cost him his life.

"He was the head of the community, learned, illustrious and wealthy, until he was denounced to the king for making anti-Gentile remarks," said Kalifon. "It was a false charge, but he was imprisoned and ruined. Many years passed before he regained his position.

"His accuser turned out to be a leading Jew in the community, who later admitted to Rabbi Yitzhak that his motive was jealousy," said Kalifon.

"Rabbi Yitzhak's ordeal became the family's spiritual inheritance," said Kalifon. "Everyone in the family, men and women, have commemorated the event on Rosh Chodesh Adar down through the years."

Upon publication, Kalifon's sefer will be distributed at a kinnus (assembly) in Montreal, under Rabbi Hirschprung's aegis, and also be sent to scholars in the U.S. and Israel.

"The problem is getting someone sufficiently learned in both talmudic and secular learning to make a proper translation of it in English," said Kalifon. "The two or three people in Toronto who could probably do it are already occupied," he said.

"It is not an easy job," he added. Several people, including a cousin from Israel, have remarked on the text's depth and complexity.

Kalifon, who moved to Toronto with his family recently, can be reached by phone at (416) 782-4543.

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Happy to talk about Shaare Zedek

Sunnybrook nursing director trained in Israel

TORONTO —

Judy Shamian, the new director of nursing research at Toronto's Sunnybrook Medical Centre, has been a Canadian for 11 years. While it's evident that she loves this country, it's also quite apparent that a piece of her heart is reserved for Israel and especially for Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, where she received her nurse's education.

"When I was in Israel, I always had the notion that the North American health care system was the best in the world," Shamian said. "But when I started working at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, I sensed that I had more of a person-oriented approach than the other nurses. When they started talking about the 'new' holistic approach I realized it was nothing new; it was just what we had been taught at Shaare Zedek.

"It sounds like a slogan, but it's not. The Shaare Zedek staff are really people with a heart. There is so much caring there, for the patients and their families, from the cleaners to the nurses and doctors to the administration. And research has been showing just how important this caring is.

Shamian confesses that she periodically has to get a "fix" by returning to Israel for a visit. Last summer, she was there for seven weeks with her three children and she returned again in January for a week with her husband.

Shaimian was also very active in coordinating the participation of her Quebec colleagues at an international nurses' conference that was held in Israel last year and at which she presented two papers.

She strongly believes that the more such conferences held in Israel, the better it is for the beleaguered nation — the Israelis' advances in medicine and medical

Judith Shamian

research become more well known and the money brought into the country is vital.

She also speaks very proudly of her new position at Sunnybrook and the new direction which nursing is now taking. The historic image of the nurse as merely a person carrying out doctors' orders is fading and a new independent professionalism is emerging.

Medical care is now a team effort, Shamian stated, with the doctor explaining to the patient what the ailment is and the nurse teaching him or her how to live with it. One area of her research work is in developing new techniques for nurses to use in training patients and their families to manage illness.

She is also exploring methods of improving nursing care and determining how this improved care helps accelerate recovery.

A graduate of Tel Aviv University, Mrs. Shamian is currently working on her PhD dissertation, which will be presented at Case Western University in Ohio. Nursing research has traditionally been carried out in a university setting, and it is only recently that it has been moved into the hospitals, where it can more directly benefit both the nurse and the patient.

Shamian also strongly commends Sunnybrook for its dediction to improved patient treatment and to the advancement of its staff. In addition to her work in Toronto, for example, she is also serving as a management consultant for a hospital in New Orleans and will be traveling to the southern U.S. city on a monthly basis for some time to come. She will also be on staff at the University of Toronto School of Nursing as an assistant professor.

Born in Hungary, and raised and educated in Israel, Shamian and her husband, an entreprenuer, arrived in Montreal 11 years ago with "two suitcases and two children." This was to have been an "exploratory trip" to see what challenges Canada had to offer them; they expected to stay for a few months, but now anticipate they will remain here permanently. The couple and their children relocated to Toronto this summer.

"I decided to accept Sunnybrook's offer because of what the hospital and Ontario have to offer. There's very progressive nursing here, which ends up with better care for the patients."

Judy Shamian has offered to speak to interested groups about Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, about self-examination and/or the current trends in nursing. For information, please call The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation at 781-3584.

Women of Valor "just doing their job"

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

The greatest tribute anyone could pay the eight Women of Valor honored at a recent Hamilton State of Israel Bonds Women's Division luncheon is to carry on their community work, said Sylvia Katz in her response on behalf of her fellow honorees.

More than 300 guests paid tribute to long-time volunteers Katz, June Chertkoff, Rannah Feldman, Goldie Lax, Raye Lebow, Leah Levine, Getrude Pimontel and Jeannette Silver at a luncheon that regional Bonds director Fanny Davine said was the most successful ever held here.

The best honor, Katz said, "is for our young men and women to share in our duties, to take over when we become too tired to carry on and to pledge to continue our duties with renewed vigor."

"We are just plain working girls dedicated to our own causes and we're not looking for koved," Women of Valor, she said, "is a pretty lofty description" for women who've merely been doing their duty.

"We eight do our jobs and do them to the best of our abilities . . . duties we should all be doing to reciprocate the blessings we have."

Tribute to the honorees were read by past Women's Division chairmen Barbara Goldblatt, Joy Rochwerg and Isabel Strub prior to the presentation by Davine to each of the honorees of a lithograph of an oil painting by Israeli artist Yosi Bergner entitled Three Girls And Butterfly.

Commenting on the fact that eight women were being honored instead of just one, former Women's Division chairman Claire Mandel said it is "indicative of something far greater than just numbers: it reflects a richness in the very core and essence of our community.

"We possess a kind of wealth that transcends dollars and cents — a wealth made up of women whose unselfish devotion to their community has given a special meaning and value to the word volunteer.

"I think we understand very clearly now," added Mandel following the tribute, "that the key to what makes these women special is their selfless volunteerism and deep caring for Judaism and Israel. They are indeed the very heart and fabric of our community and our community the mirror of their activities."

Saying that "you can be either ahead and pull or be behind and push but you can't be in the middle," 1986 Women's Division co-chairman Faye Leibtag remarked that the most important thing "is to feel you're doing something worthwhile. Her co-chairman Judy Schwartz noted the importance for Jews to be knowledgeable about Israel "so that we can impress others with the facts."

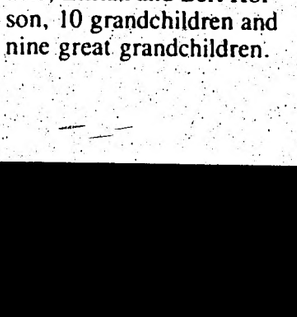
Sid Brail, executive director of the Hamilton Jewish Federation and the JCC, brought greetings on behalf of both organizations. Others at the head table included Dr. Matt Schmerling, 1986 general Bonds campaign chairman; associate chairman Marvin Caplan; past Women's Division chairman Sondi Goldblatz and Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel congregation and his wife Sylvia.

Hillel Michaels

TORONTO —

Hillel Michaels, for 30 years the Canadian representative of the New York Yiddish newspapers The Morning Journal and the Americaner, died here recently of a heart attack. He was three months short of his 100th birthday.

Michaels traveled between Montreal and Toronto. He regularly visited many often isolated communities in Quebec and Ontario, where he became an eagerly anticipated advisor and bearer of tidings, according to his son Isaiah.



Hillel Michaels

"He helped them with their letters, and listened to their problems of children moving away and of trying to maintain a Jewish indentity," Isaiah told The Canadian Jewish News. "He made many friends."

Michaels emigrated to Montreal from Grodno, Poland, in 1930, and brought his wife, Fanny, and children over the following year. Fanny died in March, 1980.

Survivors also include Hyman and Helen Michaels, Lillian and Bert Korson, 10 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

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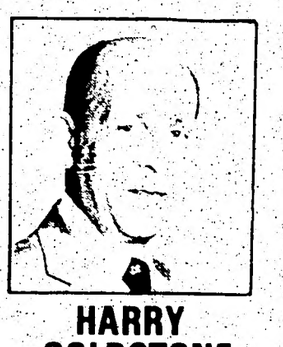

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Former Israeli finance minister

Aridor sees no change in improving economy

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

This month's scheduled job-swap between Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir should not affect the country's improving economy, says a former Israeli finance minister.

Yoram Aridor, who served as finance minister from 1981 to 1983, when he unexpectedly resigned over the government's rejection of his plan to directly link the shekel to the American dollar, was in Canada recently for a 9-day swing on behalf of State of Israel Bonds.

Aridor and Bonds officials paid visits to Canada's top bankers to convince them Israel is not only not a financial risk but is a good investment.

In a wide-ranging CJN interview, Aridor, the secretary-general of the Herut Party, part of the Likud coalition, praised the Peres government for lowering inflation and said he foresees no major economic problems once Shamir assumes power.

Under Aridor, who is still a member of the Knesset finance committee, Israel's inflation rate roared into nearly four figures. In July of this year, inflation was zero percent and the rate for 1986 is projected at a manageable 20%.

The lowering of the inflation rate is seen by many as result of American pressure on Israel to trim its budget by about $2 billion a year.

Aridor, a fastidious and formal man, bristled at suggestions the United States will continue to pressure Israel to cut its budget even more.

"Israel is not pressured by the United States in anything. The so-called pressures are only imaginary," Aridor pointed out. "We get advice from time to time but the U.S. does not dictate its policies to Israel. Cuts are a necessity understood by the U.S. and Israel. Israel will always try to cut more but the problem is if you cut too much, you have bigger unemployment and if you cut too little, you cause bigger deficits."

In Israel's case, lower inflation was at a cost — unemployment has jumped to 8% — and the military budget was trimmed for the first time in the country's history.

"It is doubtful that we will have more cuts in the military budget," Aridor said. "Syria and the Soviet Union don't share the view there should be cuts in the Syrian military budget."

Israel's economy, only a few years ago seen as the nation's chief domestic problem, has improved so much, Aridor feels, because the government did eventually adopt a plan, albeit a diluted version of his own, to link the shekel to the dollar. The only difference today is that the U.S. dollar is not legal tender in Israel, as Aridor would have prefered.

As well, he pointed out, today's shekel is linked to a complex "basket" of international currencies.

Despite a rosier picture, Israel is not without its economic woes, Aridor acknowledged. A draconian austerity program is still in effect. Many wages have eroded by up to 40% of their purchasing power and Israelis are still willing, it seems, to go into further debt to acquire luxury goods.

Although Israel still has the world's highest per capita foreign debt, Aridor feels comparisons to Third World or South American countries are unfair since Israel is highly developed and industrialized.

Besides, he notes, Israel's cumulative foreign debt since 1948 is $32 billion, the same figure, he points out, as Canada's projected deficit for this year.

In 1981, Aridor cut the import tax on many durable imported items, setting off a spree of consumer spending. Many said this fueled inflation, but he feels it "had no substantial effect on the economy, but it did change the basic climate of the state. People are entitled to have small cars without having to pay punitive taxes, even if they aren't rich."

Since inflation is not a problem now, Israel should concentrate on shoring up its gross national product, he added.

Aridor touched on several other issues, including:

• the peace process: he feels Jordan's King Hussein "is afraid of making peace with Israel. He's not as courageous as people think."

Yoram Aridor

• the Iran-Iraq war, now in its seventh year. "I can claim total objectivity. I wish both sides to lose. Even the winner will have its problems. Any unified Arab force will find us fully prepared."

• Soviet-Israeli relations: "I am not a supporter of Soviet imperialism, especially in the Middle East. If the Soviets really wanted diplomatic relations (with Israel), they would have suggested it. We have our terms — Soviet Jewish emigration is one. The Soviets made a mistake by severing relations in 1967 and many say they are now trying to rectify that mistake. But I don't think that's their intention.

"We shall overcome all our problems," Aridor said. "We have several thousand years' experience of encountering problems and overcoming them."

Fire prevention week

TORONTO —

Oct. 5-11 has been declared Fire Prevention Week. In North York a number of activities have been planned, including a Salute to Fire Safety display at the Don Mills Shopping Centre, Don Mills and Lawrence Ave. E.

Rooms of furniture will be arranged and located in the mall area, with the assistance of Eaton's store personnel.

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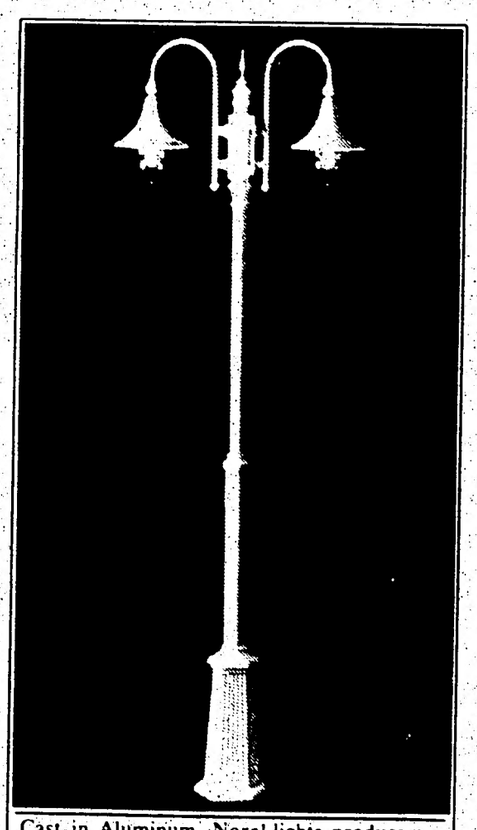

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Jack Markle with a neon sculpture he designed. The half Jewish star reflected into the mirror creates the illusion of a complete star. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Markles make lighting a sign of the times

By
JEFF ROSEN

MARKHAM, Ont. — If Jack and Sam Markle had wanted a name for their Markham-based business which properly reflected what they do, it probably wouldn't fit on a business card, let alone the front of a building. Instead, they settled on The Markle Brothers Ltd.

"It's limited only as far as the imagination will take you," Jack Markle said without a hint of exaggeration. But, of course, he doesn't have to resort to hyperbole.

Since Sam Markle started out in the sign business over 30 years ago, the business has grown and diversified. Now as well as designing and producing signs of every shape, style and description, The Markle Brothers Ltd., takes in Computer Sign Systems, Thought Inc., Apex Neon/Creative Signs, Electric Gallery, Banner Signs and Four-Peg Holdings, each of which handles a different aspect of the business.

"We will do anything for anybody," said Jack Markle, whose firm has created signs for such establishments as York University, Lipa Green Building, Jewish Community Centre, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, SunLife, Creeds, Cineplex, Timex, Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, Roots, Imperial Six and Sam the Record Man.

Markle said that while plastic illuminated signs are big with business now, the company continues to do a thriving business with all its sign designs, including Narrowline, which it patented, 3-dimensional, signpainting, letters, spectaculars and neon.

"There isn't anything we can't do in signs," Markle said.

He said that neon is rapidly catching on in the consumer market. To cater to this demand, the company sells and leases neon sculptures of any size or shape for any occasion. Among the many neon sculptures on display at The Markle Brothers' plant are neon eggs in a cast iron frypan, a neon banana split and a pink flamingo.

To create the neon sculptures, a glass tube is shaped to a desired form over a series of flames while air is blown into the tube to keep it open. After the glass has cooled, the cavity is purified using electrodes and the air removed to create the vacuum necessary for the neon and argon gasses to work.

The gasses are then pumped inside the tube. The sculptures use neon gas, which in its purest form is red, to provide hot colors such as orange and fuchsia, while argon gas is used to produce cooler shades such as blue and white. Other colors can be created by using pigmented glass, or by placing colored powder within the tube.

Jack Markle said that the Markle Brothers success story goes back over 30 years when his brother Sam started Creative Signs as a 1-man commercial signshop operation. In 1966 Sam and Jack entered into the custom electric sign business with the acquisition of Apex Neon. Around that time, Jack said he was "turned on" by the potential of neon and began to make neon sculptures as a hobby.

This led to the establishment of the Electric Gallery in 1970 as a place to exhibit neon and kinetic sculpture. In 1980, the businesses were all incorporated under The Markle Brothers Ltd., and the Markles again branched out in a new direction as a custom electronic message centre manufacturer establishing Computer Sign Systems (CSS).

It designs and builds CompuDirect, a computerized directory system for shopping centres, building complexes, office and apartment buildings. It combines conventional directories with the latest in computer technology and contains a computerized map, video display and a push-button directory console.

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CSS has also developed an electronic flasher that allows unlimited control of neon or incandescent displays. Among its accomplishments is the huge neon hour glass in the Atrium on Bay in Toronto.

The Markles also started Thought Inc. in the 1960s as a vehicle to design custom mail pieces and acquired Banner Signs in 1981.

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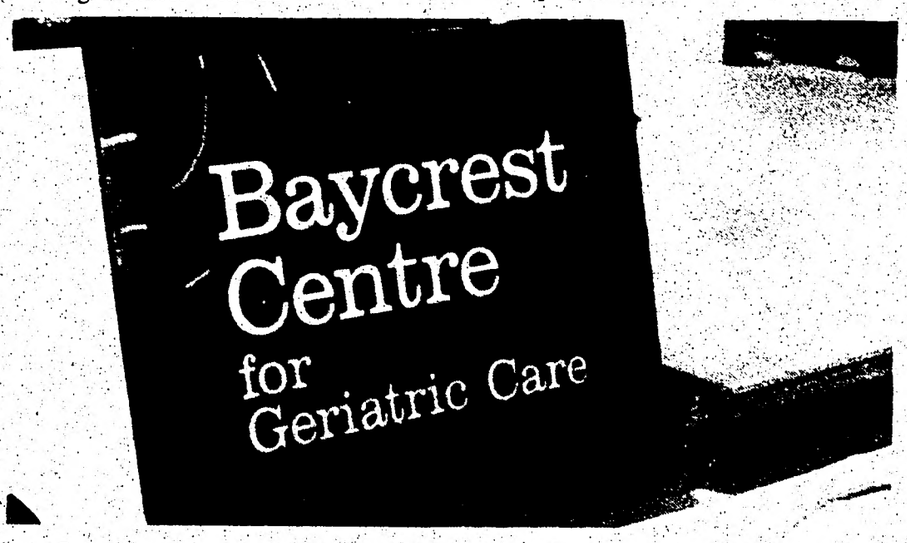

One of many signs built by The Markle Brothers. [Jeff Rosen photo]

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Columnist Skulsky celebrates 90th year

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
To reach the age of 90 and still be an active member of the community is in itself a major accomplishment, but Canadian Friends of Amal did not pay Jewish newspaper columnist Gur Aryeh (George) Skulsky special tribute recently just for getting older.

Throughout his long life, Gur Aryeh Skulsky has been a tireless worker for Yiddishkeit, Jewish education and Israel. A long time board member of the Talmud Torah, he was seeretary of the Keren Hatarbut in the Canadian Jewish Congress, a contributor to the old Yiddishe Wort (the former Yiddish-language newspaper here) and an active member of the Jewish library and the Histadrut.

He is still active in the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and, for the past few years, has had a regular column in both Jewish weeklies in Winnipeg.

"I comment on events in the community and on matters of education," he said. "I think what I write is important and I should have the largest possible audience. Because I am not

Gur Aryeh Skulsky

paid nor do I have any official positions, I am free to take on the sacred cows."

Skulsky wasn't always so outspoken. He remembers turning down a job teaching at the Hebrew school in Saskatoon in 1919 because he was too shy.

He arrived in Canada with his father in 1913 where they joined his uncle in business in Moose Jaw, Sask., although his original attention was to join all his friends in making aliya. "I came from a very Zionistic area of the Ukraine," he said. "We were bewitched by Talmud study and Zion."

Although his schooling ended after he left Russia, he supported the Saskatoon Talmud Torah from wherever he was living in Saskatchewan and remained in close contact with Jewish events through visits to the city and subscriptions to papers. His late wife, the former Bernice Vaisrub, and his late father-in-law were both Hebrew teachers.

After 31 years working in stores in different parts of Saskatchewan, Skulsky moved his family into Winnipeg in 1944. He and a brother went into the camera business opening Canada Photo. "My brother knew the business," he said. "I still don't know anything about photography after 35 years at it."

Still a regular shul-goer, he lives with his daughter, who is a librarian at the Talmud Torah, and his granddaughters who are going through the Talmud Torah-Joseph Wolinsky system.

The older one graduated last year and has gone to study in Israel for a year. "I am delighted with their progress and expect they will remain as committed to everything Jewish as I am," he said.

Skulsky will be spending six weeks in Israel with his granddaughter, and, in December, he will again be honored, this time by the Hebrew University.

Jewish calendars worthy of framing

By
ROSE KLEINER

With the New Year here, there are several Jewish calendars to choose from, either for personal use or for gift giving.

The following calendars cover 16 months (from September 1986 to December 1987), give candlelighting times for major cities, and the Torah reading for the week. Some have such fine illustrations that they are worthy of framing.

An attractive engagement calendar has been compiled by Michael Strassfeld and Vicki Brower. The Jewish Calendar 5747 (Universe, NY) records data about noted Jewish figures in the arts, sports and religion. It gives much useful information about Jewish history, festivals and fasts. Even some recipes are given, along with many excellent photographs of Jewish landmarks and religious objects.

The Synagogue Calendar, 1987, by Oscar Israelowitz (PO Box 228, Brooklyn) has original illustrations from the author's private collection. These are richly colored photographs of synagogues in different parts of the world.

Synagogues in Florence, Glasgow, London, Jerusalem and Amsterdam are presented. Most touching is the picture of the synagogue in Anspach, Germany. Dating back to 1745, it is the only synagogue in Germany to have survived the Holocaust intact. Today it is a Jewish museum.

Another beautiful calendar comes from Hugh Lauter Levin Associates, Inc. (236 W. 26th St., New York 10001). The Jewish Calendar 1987 has magnificent color illustrations from the collection of the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum.

This calendar lists Jewish holidays through 1992. Illustrations worthy of framing are the 19th century painting, Sabbath Afternoon Rest, by Moritz Oppenheim, and the 19th century "oak tree menorah" from Poland.

From the Jewish Museum in New York come two calendars this year. Both are by Pomegranate (Box 980, Corte Madera, California 94925). The engagement calendar features the biblical painting of J. James Tissot, accompanied by quotations from the Bible.

A 19th century artist of the Belle Epoque, Tissot spent the last years of this life working on a suite of gouaches to illustrate the Hebrew Bible. This major project was preceded by intensive study and by several lengthy journeys to Egypt and Palestine.

The Jewish Museum's wall calendar has a wide range of illustrations. Modern objects such as Moshe Zabari's Torah Crown, and El Lissitzky's Chad Gadya, are followed by an 18th century Torah Ark from Bavaria.

For children there is My Very Own Jewish Calendar (Kar-Ben Copies, Inc., Rockville, Md.). A guide to Jewish holidays and traditions, it is filled with pictures, recipes, and craft ideas.

Each month has a section with "little treasures on Jewish values," and a simple recipe for some tasty food a child can prepare and enjoy, such as carrot salad, cookies, granola bars and even chicken soup. This is a fun and learning calendar that youngsters will appreciate.

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By LORI SMITH

An early problem finding clothes that fitted properly started recent Sheridan College design graduate, Mary Elizabeth Vivash, on the road to a career in fashion.

Vivash, 27, explains that she has sewn since a very young age as a result of the fit problems she encountered because of her height.

"I was too tall for my age and as a result I became interested in sewing. Then as I got more experience I found that there were very few patterns available commercially that satisfied my creative needs. But I wanted certain things and so it was natural to alter patterns to get them. I had a couple of pretty good disasters while I learned to alter properly."

However, she explains that she worked for a graphic design firm in an administrative job before she decided to enter the world of fashion design.

"It was fun to watch the graphic designers work at their boards and when I saw that they were getting paid to color with crayons and be creative I thought that it looked like more fun than what I was doing, so I decided to get out of administrative work and satisfy my creativity."

Fashion design is now her creative outlet and appropriately Vivash sees fashion as an outlet for personal expression.

"There is such an increased awareness of fashion. If you look back at the magazine from 10-years ago you can see how far we've come and there is nowhere to go but up. The consciousness of what's "in" has changed. Before in Toronto I felt that a trend would come in and the people here would feel if they didn't wear that one style they wouldn't be "in."

"Now it's more like Paris where there are 20 trends all at once. That's refreshing. There's choice now and that choice wasn't there a couple of years ago."

She explains that she has never really followed trends, and that newness inspires her.

"The market gets oversaturated with certain styles and so sometimes I take it to the extreme. If I'm tired of short, straight skirts I'll go long and full. I'm not extreme in terms of design elements — I always design in the classical sense. But I look for change.

"I also look for acceptability and the best way to flatter the wearer. I think the two should work well together. I don't believe that the garment should overshadow the person. I prefer that the person who is wearing it should shine through."

She says she also looks for good proportions, interesting use of color — be it monochromatic or mix and match — and texture. And the only other thing she looks for in clothes is a certain amount of feminity.

The garments that she has created reflect these characteristics. One 3-piece outfit consists of very sophisticated, long, lean jacket, skirt and sweater. Softness and femininity are evidenced in the colors and Victorian, crisp bow design on the sweater.

Another of Vivash's favorite designs is s skirt and blouse done in beautiful, soft lambs suede. Both pieces are cut full, long and luxurious.

Vivash says that she likes to design for women and children but in the future she would like to concentrate on children's wear. She thinks that is where the fashion market holds the most possibilities.

Model Deborah Khoury wears a charcoal grey lambsuede leather skirt and blouse with embossed leather belt by Mary Elizabeth Vivash. [Tim Leyes photo]

Holidays a time for some pampering

Weddings, bar mitzvahs, parties and the holidays are all times when a woman can use some pampering. And one luxury that can be indulged in is a professional make-up application.

Lorraine Greber-Powell, esthetician, make-up artist and owner of Tender Touch, explains that she does a number of makeup applications for weddings, bar mitzvahs and parties — occasions when women want to look their best.

"I always try to do a pre-makeup trial. The woman comes to my place for that and I do it as I would on the day of the wedding or whatever. Then on the actual day of the occasion I go to them."

She says that for most events she favors a really natural look.

"I believe that when someone enters a room the first thing you should notice is their eyes. I like to tone down the lips and cheeks and bring out the eyes, making them very soft and natural."

She explains that she uses a lot of earth tones but is careful to work with her customer's complexion color.

For fall and winter, Greber-Powell suggests that a darker foundation be used to add just a touch more color and prevent the person from looking washed out in pictures.

On eyes, she uses deep blues, deep greens, purples and says that a lot of women can actually get away with black eyeliner which shows up very well in pictures. She favors deep plums, corals and darker earth tones for cheek color and browns and plums on lips.

"I never use red lipstick. It shows up first in a picture and I like to keep lips soft so the eyes will be the first thing people notice."

To help set the makeup she uses both a lip and eye fixer and finally lightly spritzs the face with mineral water.

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Fashion

Details play a bigger role in casualwear for men

By
SAUL KORMAN

Part two of my 4-issue fall fashion overview concerns itself with casualwear. Again, I remind you that the styles set out below are to be used as guidelines, not as wardrobe essentials:

Slacks & jeans: Casual pants on the whole remain pleated with a break below the knee, although some designers prefer slimmer cuts with plain fronts.

Detailing is on a larger scale than last year, particularly in the form of big pockets with tabs and flaps. Cuffs are very common, as are "Hollywood" waistlines featuring side tabs instead of belt loops.

Patterning can reach heroic proportions, particularly in plaids and checks, stripes and tartans. Fabrics lean toward cords (wide-waled with patinas), flannels, cottons and gabs.

Colors, in keeping with the new vogue for jeans, cover the full range of blues from stone-washed chambray to deep indigo. Blue is also mixed with grays and greens for unusual "sheen" effects.

Other colors include black, charcoal, tan, olive and dusty mauve, with neutral earth tone and jewelled accents.

As mentioned, blue jeans are enjoying a major renaissance. Every European designer has his own version of how they should be styled, from stonewashed distressed to leather-trimmed luxurious — but it is the classic 5-pocket look popularized by Lee that is proving the most durable.

Sport shirts & sweaters: The two are nearly interchangeable in terms of design and fabrication. Knit shirts are an especially strong entry — with polo knits close to sweeping the field of contenders. Even ordinary cotton, wool and flannel sport shirts will feature polo collars and V-necked plackets this year.

The only other knit capable of approaching the polo's popularity is the ubiquitous black turtleneck sweater, seen everywhere under buttoned-down shirts, cardigans and other sweaters, sport jackets — even suits.

The ubiquitous black turtleneck appears here with wide-wale cords. Next to jeans and polo knits, these two are this season's hottest casualwear items.

Honorable mentions go to shetland pulls and Fair Isle vests, above-mentioned cardigans, and zippered sweater jackets (often worn with a quilted lining, to retain shape and warmth).

Accessories & underwear: While designers await a new fashion direction, they're keeping themselves busy reworking "forgotten" accessory favorites like hats and caps, suspenders, pocket squares and socks.

Fall scarves are a part of this rich fashion vein. To be worn as the finishing touch to sweaters, outerwear and overcoats, they now come in silk jacquarded stripes, checks and paisleys, as well as regular solid wool brights.

When you get right down to it, underwear is the ultimate accessory. And that's especially true this year, with designer skivvies swamping the menswear market.

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Arts

Mikveh setting for morality murder tale in California

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By BERNARD BASKIN

Rina Lazarus is a young, attractive widow who teaches at the isolated Ohavel Torah Yeshiva in California. She also supervises the nearby mikveh in order to supplement her meagre income.

Fear and consternation envelop the close-knit community when the wife of one of the students is brutally raped.

Her immersion in the ritual bath after her ordeal is minutely described: "Rina scrutinized Sarah Libba's back, chest, and arms for loose hairs that might have adhered accidentally to the skin. There were none. She moved on to the routine questions. Had Sarah brushed her teeth? Had she gone to the bathroom? Removed all foreign objects from her body including rings, earrings, dentures and contact lens?

At Rina's nod, she dunked into the water with her eyes and mouth open. When the water covered the top of her head, she popped out and Rina announced that the dip was kosher."

Detective Peter Decker from Glendale comes to investigate the crime. He is likeable, intelligent and sympathetic in approaching the special problems of the Orthodox enclave.

Divorced from a Jewish wife he is quickly attracted to Rina. Flattered and not unresponsive she makes clear why a close relationship would be impossible, and not just because he is a Gentile. "I think it's wrong to have sex if you're not married. I don't think fire and brimstone will come pouring down if you do, but I think it's wrong. Why? Not on moral grounds — though a case could be made for that, too — but because we believe that the body is private and not some cheesey piece of artwork that's put on public display. We know our way of thinking is considered antiquated, as dated as an Edsel. But to me, it has meaning."

Matters take a serious turn when the mikveh's new security guard, a large Black woman, is savagely murdered. Despite the objection of Rina and yeshiva authorities, Decker suspects a number of yeshiva students — one with an unsavory background, another mentally ill.

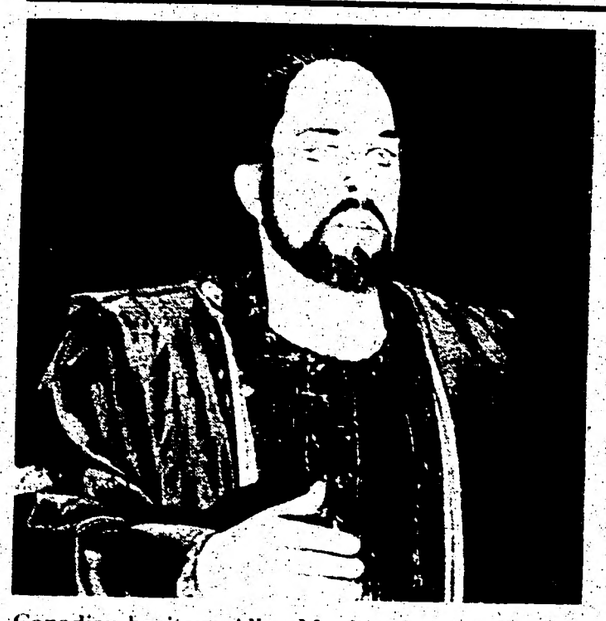
Despite Decker's warning that her life is in danger Rina insists on maintaining her role in the mikveh. She is rescued dramatically one night from a masked marauder by resolute and trustworthy Decker.

The mystery solved, the murderer apprehended, the book concludes with surprising information about Decker's Jewish antecedents.

This is a first novel and suffers from a rather weak plot, an extremely unlikely romance and writing that is often sentimental.

What is singular and of interest about *The Ritual Bath* is the author's attempt to explain Orthodox ritual and practice, from the meaning of Purim to the difference between chassidim and mitnagdim and the origin of the Oral Law.

Not quite up to the Kemelman novels about the redoubtable Rabbi Small, this is still a creditable suspense novel against an unusual and exotic background.



Canadian baritone Allan Monk presents a Japanese warrior portrayal of Macbeth in Verdi's opera at O'Keefe Centre.

Macbeth remains musical spectacular

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Right off the top, let's make it clear that the Canadian Opera Company's production of *Macbeth* (at the O'Keefe Centre until Oct. 4) is a musical spectacular that opera fans are bound to love.

After all, it was literally impossible for a melodic genius like Giuseppe Verdi to compose music that was dull.

But let it also be said that you're letting yourself in for a wildly uneven experience if this is the first time you've ever seen the operatic version of Shakespeare's blood-and-guts tragedy.

The music itelf, though eminently listenable, is a lopsided mixup that's not always equal to its melodramatic subject matter.

Its most serious weakness becomes apparent in the opening scene devoted to the chorus of the witches. The mood is supposed to be sombre and sinister as we see the black-clad hags writhing on the moors of the Stygian-dark stage.

But Verdi's music is so irrepressibly exuberant it clashes with the melodrama's solemnity and the witches thus seem as spooky as a group of Girl Guides jauntily haunting it up at a Halloween outing.

However, the music becomes appropriately stirring to match the mood of lust for power and revenge for murder animated in other later scenes.

The cast is also uneven when expressing the varying emotions of the bigger-than-life characters.

The Canadian baritone Allan Monk is magnificent in the title role when singing his arias. But he lacks conviction as an actor — following somewhere short between being an ambitious murderer and a milksop coward.

In the role of Lady Macbeth, Hungarian soprano Sylvia Sass has a reverse problem. She is a gifted actress, using her fingers like ravening claws, for example, to express the character's predatory nature. But her voice lacks the abrasive power — what Verdi called "rough and devilish" — to convince us that she is indeed a scheming, malevolent bitch.

But the rest of the cast is splendid, especially British Columbia-born basso Don Garrard in the role of Banquo.

And the staging by Covent Garden's director Elijah Moshinsky is brilliant. He has given us a stark, Japanese Kabuki drama interpretation of the Scottish warlord — with muted dark gold and tan costumes, pigtailed warriors, sparse use of props, and bleak lighting to convey an atmosphere of impending doom.

It's not Verdi's greatest opera, indeed a veritable patchwork of conflicting music and emotions, but nevertheless still enthralling to behold.

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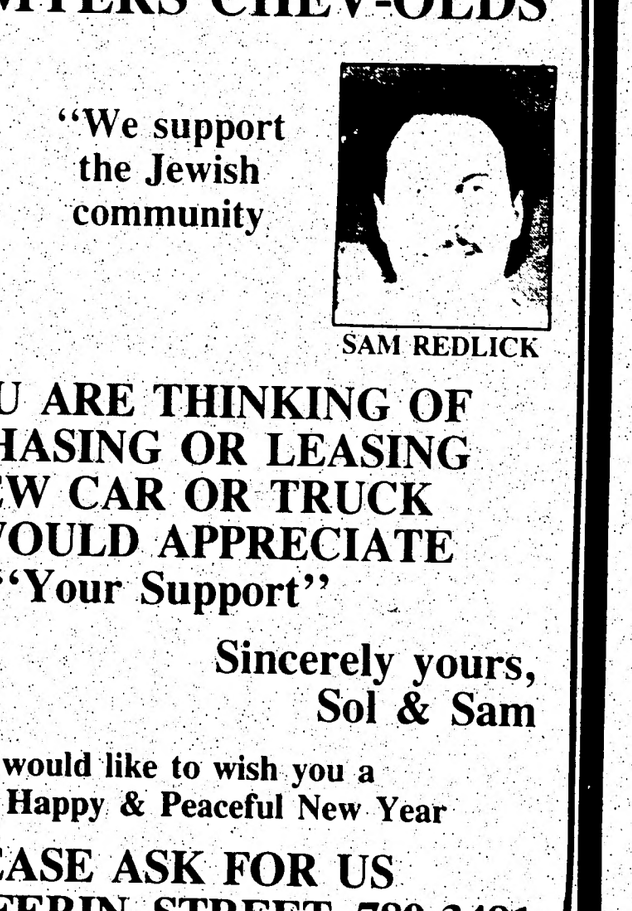

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The Decline of the American Empire

Arcand offers stimulating, entertaining cinematic brew

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The Decline of the American Empire is a thinking person's film whose title masks salient themes. Far from being a brooding commentary on the state of contemporary America, Denys Arcand's picture is largely a pungent, sardonic and clever look at human nature, love and marriage and relationships.

The story, written by Arcand, revolves around several French Canadian history professors and the women (and men) in their lives. On a golden autumn day, when the leaves have just turned red, they assemble in a rambling country house set back from a sparkling lake. While they go about the business of preparing a gourmet meal, their women work out in a nearby sports club.

The conversation is fast, zippy, urbane and ultimately profane. The men discuss politics, but always return to their favorite subject — sex. The women swap ribald tales as they flex their muscles and sweat it out in a sauna.

Remy (Remy Girard), the only man in the group whose marriage has endured, is a pudgy fellow who takes great delight in recalling his amorous extramarital affairs and in proclaiming his belief that sex shouldn't be confused with marriage.

Pierre (Pierre Curzi), whose ravaged face is a map of his disappointments and his failures, cynically claims that love is merely a function of an erection.

Claude (Yves Jacques), a homosexual, is also cynical, but about the men he picks up in parks. Alain (Daniel Briere), the most peripheral character, is little more than an ornament in the film.

In common with his men, Arcand's women are lively and intelligent. Louise (Dorothee Berryman), Remy's pert wife, enjoys life's hedonistic pleasures. Dominique (Dominique Michel) is an intellectual with a corrosive wit. Diane (Louise Portal) thrives on ideas but revels in rough-hewn lovers. Danielle (Genevieve Rioux), Pierre's girlfriend, is as turned on by theories of history as by raw sex.

All these characters clearly live life to its fullest, but for all their self-assurance some of them are deeply troubled souls who, perhaps, are in decline.

Remy and Louise keep potentially explosive secrets from each other; Pierre essentially dislikes himself; Claude, the most humane person of the lot, suffers silently from the effects of a sexually-transmitted disease; Dominique drinks coffee to fortify herself against daily challenges; Diane needs a macho man to preserve her self-esteem.

The Decline of the American Empire, now playing at Canada Square, treats nothing sacredly. Fidelity in marriage is not taken for granted; romantic love is viewed through somewhat jaundiced eyes; sex is equated with power; people are dissected under the bright glare of reality; the etiquette of romance is brilliantly satirized.

Arcand likes intellectuals, but he seems to have doubts about them, and this point of view permeates his film. Intellectuals talks too much and do too little. Intellectuals make bad parents. His premises, if this is what they are, are debatable, but they provide food for thought.

There are numerous references to politics and society.

Arcand posits the theory that the U.S. is declining because, in part, its elite is in decay and because its institutions are despised. He also brings South Africa, Laos, Marx, the Pope and Masters and Johnson into the movie.

What we're left with is a heady cinematic brew that is both stimulating and entertaining.

The Decline of the American Empire has been touted as the best film ever made in Canada. Such high praise may or may not be warranted. But what is perfectly clear is that Denys Arcand is no ordinary filmmaker and that Canadians have every right to expect more interesting work from him in the future.

Toronto band set for heart benefit

TORONTO —

Sisters, a 6-piece Toronto band, will be performing a benefit for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario Oct. 5, at Club Bluenote, 128 Pears Ave.

The "Sisters Have Heart" benefit will raise money through ticket sales and an auction for research into heart and stroke disease. The two sisters, Mary Ellen and Liz Spear have a personal commitment, as their father died from a heart attack.

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After taking night school classes in violin-making taught by Bruce West, he finished his first violin in June, 1984.

"When I finished this violin," Cohen says, "I took it to my old friend Harvey Tishcoff for his comments and approval. When he heard the sound and tone of this violin he was truly amazed . . .

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At the 1986 CNE International Wood Carvers Exhibit, this unique violin was on display. It is now the personal property of Harvey Tishcoff, but it remains a symbolic possession of every serious musician interested in developing new tones and new frontiers in sound.

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This year's Toronto Film Festival of Festivals was so far the best from a Jewish standpoint.

Besides the Israeli war movie Ricochets, there were two Holocaust-era movies which deserve classic status. They are Josh Waletzky and Aviva Kempner's Partisans of Vilna, about the Jewish armed resistance to the Nazi murderers, and Austrian director Axel Corti's Welcome in Vienna, about an Austrian-Jewish refugee who returns home to Vienna as an American soldier.

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According to the Montreal Gazette, the only record company allowed in the Soviet Union, Melodiya, has released a recent chamber music album of European romantic works on Jewish themes, performed by Soviet musicians such as Vladimir Spivakov, winner of the 1969 Montreal International Violin Competition.

Does this reflect a change in official attitudes or is it mere tokenism of the Sovietish Heimland variety? While it is too early to tell one can consider the following question:

Are the Soviet authorities willing to permit Spivakov to tour the West and perform the material on this album in such travels where he will undoubtedly encounter lively Jewish audiences?

Lewis Cohen displays one of his violins.

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TORONTO —

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Opera diva, comic singer to star in musical revue

TORONTO —

Israeli opera diva Terry Gabor and comic singer Yankele Bodo will co-star in a 2-person musical revue titled *Lebedick Un Freilach* ("Lively And Happy") produced and emceed by Chaim Avron, artistic director of the Toronto Jewish Theatre.

The show, which has been running in Tel Aviv with songs and book by Israeli revue writer Ben Zion, will be performed at the Northview Heights School Auditorium at Bathurst and Finch Saturday evening Nov. 8 and Sunday Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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No postcard scenes

Artists produce the unexpected after touring Israel

By
JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —

Anyone expecting mystical scenes of the sunlight glinting off the golden domes of Jerusalem or of pious black-garbed chassidim at prayer was in for a surprise at the just completed exhibition Israel: A Canadian Perspective at the National Arts Centre.

In 1984, the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation sent a group of nine Canadian artists to Israel for three weeks. The first week they were given a tour of the country and were free to spend the rest of the time wherever they wished.

The artists, who came from across Canada and worked in a variety of media, were asked by the CICF to produce something inspired by their trip for a future exhibition.

Judging from the pieces on view during the week-long exhibit in the NAC salon, the Canadian artists were determined not to fall into the trap of presenting Israel as postcard pretty.

As none of the artists attended the vernissage, the viewer could only guess at what he or she was trying say in the case of most of the works. Richard Prince of Vancouver, for example, constructed The Aegean Table, literally a simple, wooden table on which the following stood: a piece of sky blue ceramic, a white mug with a spoon and what looked congealed coffee in it, and an electric-powered little wooden fish which jumped continuously out of wooden waves.

Vincent Tangredi, an Ontario College of Art graduate, created a 6 x 7-foot fresco titled The Removing of the Thorn, a picture of two nude women ornately bordered with scrolls and monkeys.

A 10-minute video called Birds at Sunrise, complete with sound effects reminiscent of a National Geographic special, was contributed by Joyce Wieland of Toronto. It began with the reading of the 23rd Psalm in Hebrew.

A press kit accompanying the exhibition informs that Wieland began the film in 1972 here in Canada. She was touched by the birds' suffering in the winter cold.

"During my visit to Israel in 1984, the unfinished movie came to mind. A connection was established in my mind so that the suffering of the birds became, in a sense, symbolic of the suffering of the Jews and their survival through suffering."

Intriguing was a "mixed media" work by Stephen Cruise, also of Toronto. Encase in clear plastic, it was a silvery figure shaped like a sabre and clothed in a prayer shawl. Attached was a gun and a Star of David, inside which was a leaf that looked like the cedar, the symbol of Lebanon.

Cruise was so impressed with the country that he stayed a month in Israel. Nevertheless, he says, "Things are too big to comprehend; you get little glimpses."

Mary Lamb Bobak of Fredericton was the only member of the group to come up with works readily recognizable as being from Israel. Her oil paintings showed scenes of a beach at twilight, huddled worshippers at the Wailing Wall and a pair of Jerusalem landscapes.

Following her trip to Israel, she exhibited the works at Montreal's Walter Klinkhoff Gallery and most were sold. One of the paintings, On the Beach at Caesarea, she considers among her best and has donated it to the CICF.

The other artists who went to Israel were Ron Moppet of Calgary; Sylvain Cousineau, a native of Arvida, Que., who is a professor at the University of Ottawa; Irene Whittome and Bill Vazan, both of Montreal.

Vazan's medium is known as land drawing or land works, working with what nature offers to produce a man-made landscape. After touring Israel, Vazan, a director of the Optica Gallery, spent the rest of his visit at Kibbutz Ma'ayan Baruch in the Upper Galilee. With the help of resident artist David Fine, Vazan moved basalt boulders cleared from the kibbutz fields to produce "an environmental land art which expressed the cultural and eternal history of the land."

In the NAC exhibit, Vazan was represented by two large conte drawings entitled Negev Man and Aerial View of Massada. Both, he says, relate to his interest in rearranging the topography.

David Lyons, who was president of the CICF in 1984, said the artists were selected with the help of art experts: Luke Rombout, then director of the Vancouver Art Gallery; Reesa Greenberg, a Concordia University art professor; Francois Gagnon, a University of Montreal art professor; David Burnett, who was the contemporary art curator at the Art Gallery of Ontario; and Phillip Fry, a University of Ottawa professor.

The CICF was looking for a cross-section of Canadian artists, he said, in terms of the type of work they do and where they live and who might be described as "up and coming."

The exhibition was opened by Mavor Moore, former chairman of the Canada Council and cultural affairs writer for The Globe and Mail. Moore is the honorary chairman of the CICF's arts advisory board.

Moore, who visited Israel in 1982, stressed the importance of cultural exchange between countries as a way of getting to know people and the work of private groups in promoting such projects. "The degree of cultural exchange is often dependent on expatriate Canadians and the goodwill of the ambassador, which is not always so good...If there is a cultural attache at the embassy, he usually can spend only 10% on cultural affairs."

Of the works in the exhibition, he said: "Whether representational or more abstract, they catch the feeling, which is the most difficult of feats."

CICF Montreal president Sara Reitman said that she believes the artists' visit "created good feelings about Israel.

"They all got emotionally involved. We received some wonderful letters afterward."

Down By Law

Wacky film details losers' misadventures

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

One of the wackiest films in years has reached Toronto.

Down By Law, written and directed by Jim Jarmusch, appeared at the recent Festival of Festival and now it can be seen at Canada Square.

Three losers, a pimp, an unemployed disc jockey and an itinerant Italian, are thrown into the same prison cell somwhere in Louisiana.

Two of them have been framed and the third one has simply run out of luck.

Zack (Tom Waits), the DJ, is grabbed by the police after they find a corpse in the trunk of the late-model Jaguar he has been paid to drive across town.

Jack (John Lurie), who runs two prostitutes, is arrested when he is caught in the same room with a minor.

And Roberto (Roberto Benigni), an amiable card shark, is imprisoned after killing a man.

Down By Law, which is shot in black and white, charts the growth of their unlikely relationship.

Doe-eyed but ebullient, Roberto bursts into the cell with these mordant words: "If looks could kill, I am dead now." Roberto's fractured English is a source of constant laughter, and gradually, it draws the three men together.

Whenever Roberto wants to say something trenchant, he usually consults his pocket note pad and lets loose with outrageous verbal volleys that can bring tears to your eyes.

One scene, in which Roberto begs for a match in incomprehensible English as he hiccups, brought the house down.

Down By Law picks up a head of steam when Roberto, who refers to himself as a "good egg," suggests that they escape, "just like in American movies." The hapless convicts succeed, but they wander around cold and hungry in a grim, featureless swamp.

Their harrowing experience is never harrowing, just pathetic and frantically funny. There is no sense of menace here, and Jack, Zack and Bob (Roberto's nick name) are never really in danger of succumbing to the elements.

The film works its magic through exquisite black humor, and there is rarely a moment when the absurdity of the human condition is not noted.

Down By Law is eccentric and offbeat and enormously entertaining.

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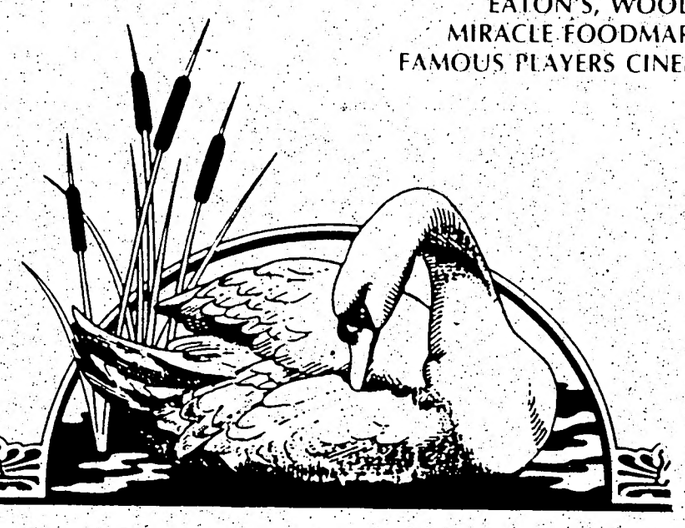

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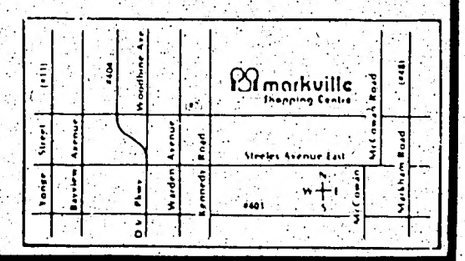

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Not a workaholic, a liveaholic

Lynne Gordon is brimful of the Jewish juices of life

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Some people have called her a workaholic. But really, after spending an evening with her, you're inclined to call her a liveaholic.

Lynne Gordon, who spoke at the recent Jewish Book Fair, is brimful of the Jewish juices of life.

That's how she struck this reporter after reading her exhilarating autobiography, *Working Without A Net: My Intimate Memoirs* (McClelland and Stewart, 352 pages; $22.95).

That impression was further bolstered in an interview over a glass of vintage red wine in her mid-town townhouse (fragrant with green plants; Canadianesque with Eskimo art; Judaic with the brass Sabbath candlesticks inherited from her Orthodox grandmother from Kiev in Russia, Rachel Steinberg).

The one thing she won't talk about is her age. That, she says, is because she is more interested in her lifestyle age of 29, rather than her numerical age, which is fiftyish.

But apart from that, she'll talk a blue streak on any subject, usually spiced with anecdotes, and often relating to her multi-faceted career.

She is, all rolled into one, a CBC-TV actress on *Seeing Things*; a former CKEY journalist; CFTO-TV celebrity interviewer; Global TV consumer advocate; super feminist who chaired the Ontario Status of Women Council; civil liberties battler involved in a notorious $3.5 million libel suit to combat the McCarthy era blacklisting of entertainers; and altogether one hell of a fascinating lady.

She even looks fascinating. She is a 5-ft-2½ fireball, who tries to "walk and think and feel tall."

She has dancing hazel eyes and fingers flashing with sculptured silver rings imported from Israel.

Her 130-pound figure is usually swathed in a Japanesy steel-gray caftan that flamboyantly reflects the layered look, and her spiky blonde hair is tinted three shades of purple to achieve a theatrical elegant-punk look.

Her most endearing quality is her ability to be totally honest about herself.

"I was recently told by casting agents in New York that I was a perfect soap opera type," she says.

What type is that?

She answers with amused candor, "I'm an outrageous, purple-haired blonde, opinionated, bossy and sexy; also intelligent, well-traveled, politically-informed, intensely passionate, and a gutsy fighter for liberal causes."

She thinks her worst flaw is her tendency to be a domineering Yiddish momma type in her relationship with her three children — a trait inherited from her own Brooklyn mother, Blanche Levinson.

But they are unlike, she says, in the sense that her mother was a pampered, black-haired beauty, an unstable Jewish princess who never grew up.

At the age of 6, Evelyn Levinson literally found herself the head of her family while she and her sister were dumped into a rooming house as her divorced young mother went husband-hunting.

"Because of my mother, I grew up angry and insecure and hungry for love," she says. "I built up a fantasy about her because I was terrified she would leave us.

"She punished us and used us as pawns. It took me years of therapy before I realized my mother was a bully and manipulative and that I was always being drawn to men who acted the same way."

Lynne Gordon

She says she was particularly exploited by two of her three husbands, both of them charming but self-centred men incapable of giving her the affection she so desperately craved.

One was John Henry Faulk, a CBS radio entertainer who was blacklisted by the infamous Red Channels vigilante outfit which attempted to purge the industry of leftwing liberals during the Senator Joe McCarthy period of anti-Communist hysteria.

She supported him and their three children for seven years in a libel court fight, orchestrated by the brilliant Manhattan lawyer Louis Nizer, which won a record $3.5 million in damages.

In the end, she says, not only did Faulk leave her and their children, taking the settlement money with him; but he also sanctioned a CBS TV dramatization titled *Fear On Trial*, which portrayed her as a bitchy wife who walked out on her husband.

She angrily sued CBS in another landmark libel case and won an out-of-court settlement.

Her other ungrateful husband, she says, was a psychology professor who turned out to be an egocentric alcoholic.

"But I'm truly grateful to him," she says, "because he brought me to Toronto 19 years ago and I've been able to start a wonderful new life here."

She left all her radio and TV broadcast jobs to write her memoirs of her hectic, rollercoaster career, but the liveaholic is far from idle these days.

She has high hopes of her book being converted into a major feature film. Toronto actress Helen Shaver, who would like to play the Lynne Gordon role, is currently promoting a possible movie adaptation in Los Angeles.

Gordon herself has completed with director John Spalding a half-hour pilot for a projected TV series to be called *Life With Lynne*. Designed for viewers 40 and older, it will feature her in segments devoted to consumerism, interviews with entertainers and travel.

She will continue playing her role as Louis Del Grande's Italian mother on the CBC drama series, *Seeing Things*.

In addition, she will be teaching this fall for Network For Learning two personalized courses — one on consumerism and the other a lifestyle course titled "How To Have It All If You Really Want It."

Does Lynne Gordon have it all — now that she is a liberated feminist and successful career woman who has finally found her safety net in a network of supportive friends?

Certainly not — liveaholics never do. She's itching to write a second book. She'd like to be hired as a government consultant promoting Canadian culture abroad and thus indulge in her love for traveling.

"And I'm eager to do a radio phone-in show because," she says in a great understatement, "I love to talk."

Canadian film richly explores a lost marriage

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Leon Marr's first feature-length film, *Dancing in the Dark*, is a real beauty.

Adapted from Joan Barfoot's novel, Dancing in the Dark is a literate and civilized Canadian film that explores the depths of what is ultimately a shallow marriage.

It is nothing short of amazing that a director as relatively inexperienced as Marr could have fashioned such a richly-textured film.

But Marr, who also wrote the screenplay, could not have done it without Martha Henry, who makes her film debut here. Henry, an elegant woman of immaculate panache whose stage appearances have always elicited favorable reviews, comes up with a stellar performance in Dancing in the Dark, which works through a series of flashbacks.

She plays the part of Edna Cormich, a contented housewife whose life revolves around her husband Harry (Neil Monroe). Edna, who is childless, is a traditional housewife, so subservient to Harry that it is laughable. She scrupulously prepares his breakfast, sets it carefully on the table and watches him lovingly as he gobbles it up behind a newspaper.

After he leaves for work, she goes about the serious business of cleaning the house. Edna is not merely tidy. She is pathologically clean, and one suspects that she sublimates her submerged passions by hewing to this well-worn routine.

Harry appreciates Edna, saying he wouldn't know what he'd do without her. Indeed, Edna is too good to be true. She is immensely happy in his presence; she submits to his boring stories about his company; she happily immerses herself in the preparation of gourmet meals for his friends; she lies back limply as Harry makes love to her.

And she never complains.

Edna is so caught up in tending for Harry that she has forgotten and/or neglected her own needs.

When a friend phones one day to tell her that Harry is having an affair with his secretary, Edna's self-contained world shatters like a thousand pieces. She feels so betrayed that she loses her self-control and wreaks terrible revenge on Harry.

Committed to a sanitarium, Edna reflects on her life with him, finally coming to the conclusion that she can live contentedly without him. The understanding she gains comes at great expense, but it sets her free.

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Tiberias attractions a tourist's delight

By HEZKI KRANZ
TIBERIAS. (WZPS) —

Take a painting-perfect view of gently sloping Golan Heights, a harp-shaped lake, and verdant Galilee hills. Add an enormous helping of history, a health spa, two 5-star hotels, some water sports and a dash of discotheques. Sprinkle all this with hot mineral water and you have a tourist's delight — Tiberias.

These are the ingredients that are turning the 2,000-year-old capital of the Galilee into one of Israel's premier tourist attractions.

Let's start with the view. The pinkish-looking Golan, the deep-blue lake, and the lush green Galilee hills surrounding the ancient city make the splendid view from Tiberias one of Israel's most colorful.

In fact Zev Vilnay, the dean of Israel's tour guides, claims that "one of the local scholars in days past" used to explain the derivation of the Hebrew name of the city, "Teveriya," as a contraction of the Hebrew words, "Tov Reiya" — lovely in view.

The view from Tiberias is equally lovely at night. Things seem calm and peaceful after the sun sets and clusters of lights begin their nocturnal twinkling in kibbutzim and settlements across the Golan and Galilee.

On the shores of Lake Kinneret, clustered around a bonfire, sit a group of visiting American high school students, listening attentively while their counselor tells stories about the early pioneers.

It is likely that nearly 100,000 years ago a clan of so-called Galilean Men sat near where the students were, staring out into the night, for tools, vessels and skull portions of those stone-aged men have been found in caves along the northwestern tip of the lake's shores.

Tiberias itself was built on the ruins of a biblical city by Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great, in 18 CE. Named after Tiberias, the reigning Roman emperor at the time, Herod's ambition was to combine the spiritual values of Judaism with the pagan beauty of Greco-Roman culture. Unfortunately, however, the builders had disturbed the sites of several Jewish tombs. For this reason it was difficult to attract pious Jews to the area.

Jerusalem Talmud completed

But in the early 2nd century, not long after the Second Temple was destroyed in Jerusalem, the city was purified and became the centre of Jewish spiritual and cultural activity in Palestine.

In the 3rd century, the Mishna, the great commentary on the Bible, was finished here, and 200 years later the Jerusalem Talmud was completed by the sages of Tiberias. The vocalization of the Hebrew alphabet, the new, easier version of the written language, was codified in Tiberias.

Tiberias remained central to Jewish life until the Arab conquest in the 7th century. Then toward the end of the 18th century, a group of chassidim returned to the city. Despite a violent earthquake in 1837, there has been a continuous Jewish presence in the city.

It is in Tiberias that a number of leading talmudic rabbis, including Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Meir Ba'al Haness (The Miracle Maker) are buried. The city is also connected with one of the greatest scholars in medieval Jewish history, the Rambam (Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimon, known as Maimonides).

According to legend, when the Rambam died in Egypt in 1204, having previously expressed the desire to be buried in the Holy Land, his pupils put his coffin on a camel that walked all the way to Tiberias.

Here, outside the Crusader walls, the camel kneeled, thus indicating the spot where the Rambam wished to be buried. The Rambam's tomb, now in the centre of town, is revered by Jews until today.

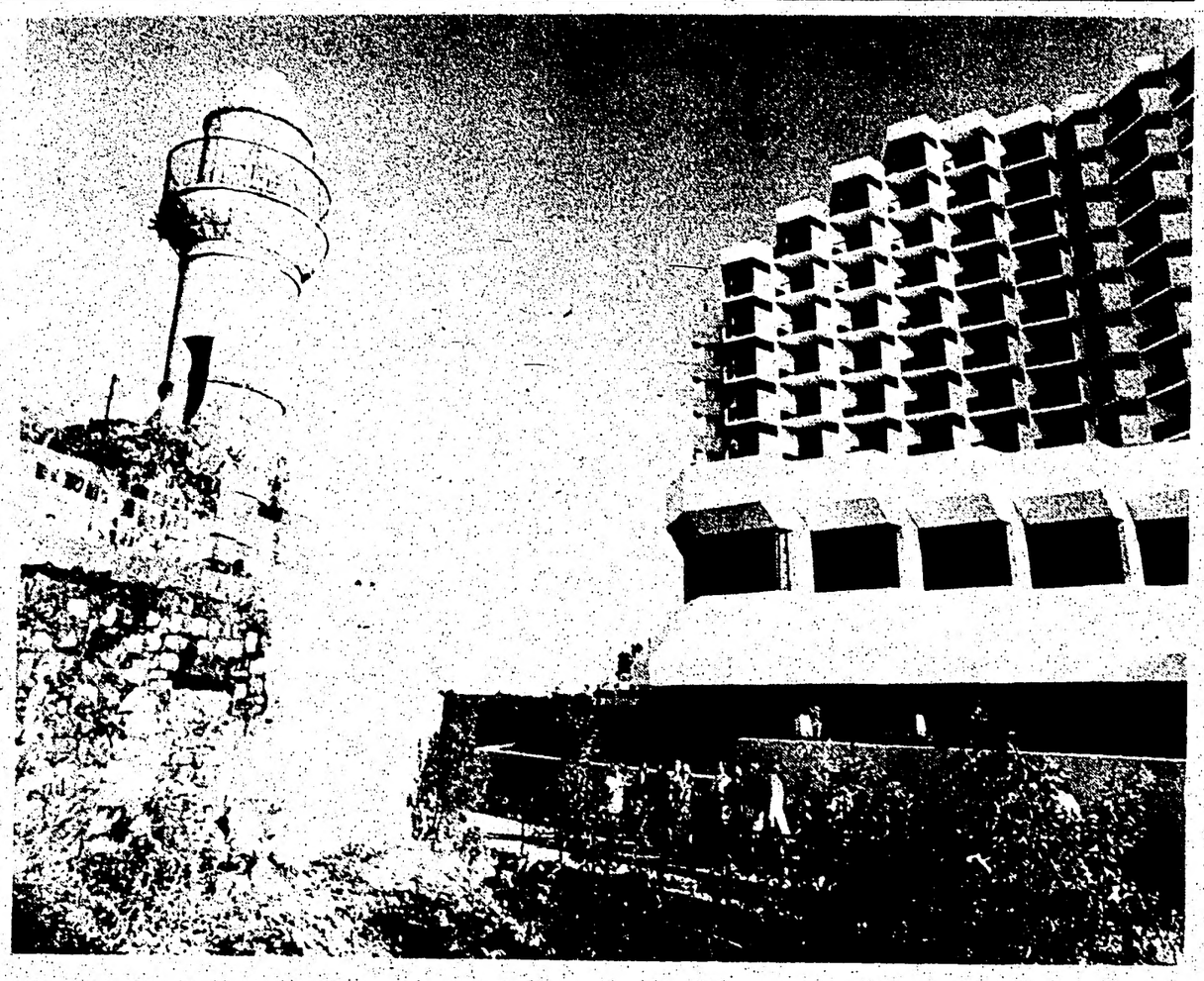
But tourists are not only attracted by the view and ancient past of Tiberias. Many of them flock to this city to be relieved, if only temporarily, of various aches and pains. This is because Tiberias, with a population of 20,000, boasts 18 hot springs that form the base of a booming health-spa industry, the healing powers of which were praised by the talmudic rabbis nearly 2,000 years ago.

Last year approximately 330,000 visitors came to the health spas to determine whether or not the rabbinic sages were correct.

These people, many of them Europeans sponsored by their sick funds, are treated for a variety of rheumatic, locomotor, respiratory and gynecological problems by teams of hydrotherapists, physiotherapists and masseurs.

By day they lounge in temperature - controlled mineral pools, take mud-packs and get massages. By night they can be seen eating grilled St. Peter's fish in restaurants overlooking the lake, strolling around the city and, if the spa was really effective, dancing under the stars at one of Tiberias's lake-side discos.

With its colorful history, beautiful luxury hotels and attractive health-spas, few are the tourists who cannot find something that interests them in Tiberias.



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Coral, tropical fish thrive in underwater national park

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

KEY LARGO, Fla. — The John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park is truly unique in the U.S. The haunt of about 600 varieties of tropical fish, it is America's only underwater national park.

You can best see it by diving into its clear depths and spending time among its fantastic coral formations. But if you're like most people, you'll have to be content to observe it from the deck of a glass-bottom boat.

Not being a diver or snorkeler, I paid $7.95 and got on board the 60-foot MV Infante for a 2-hour tour of the reef, 21 miles long and 8 miles wide.

The reef, which is like an undersea garden, is composed of the skeletal remains of corals — a soft animal with a hard, stony exterior — and plants which have fused together. The habitat of species like jewfish, jellyfish, grouper, barracuda and green moray, the reef is an extremely fragile formation, despite the fact that numerous ships have floundered on it.

Park authorities are so finicky about protecting this living reef, the only one in the continental U.S., that they will levy a fine of up to $50,000 on any boater who anchors his vessel on coral.

And they will not tolerate poachers. Anyone caught trying to swim off with a coral will be considerably poorer after paying the fine. There are over 40 types of coral in these Florida Keys waters, which range in depth from 12 to 20 feet, and pity the ignorant poacher who tries stealing, say, a fire coral.

The guide on the MV Infante, a marine biologist, exudes a tone of contented amusement as she relates the story of the hapless delinquent who burned his sexual organ after stuffing a sample into his swimsuit.

The John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in Key Largo.

As strange as it may sound, the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, which is 60 miles south of Miami International Airport, was established precisely to prevent such embarrassing incidents from occurring.

Hordes of coral collectors were stripping and tearing apart the reef with crowbars and hoists, while tropical fish fanciers were upsetting the delicate ecological balance by scooping up thousands of relatively rare and beautiful species.

At a biological conference in 1957, Dr. Gilbert Voss, the director of Miami University's Marine Institute, painted a grim picture of plunderers who, for personal or commercial reasons, were gradually destroying the reef. He called for the preservation of the reef, and his call was taken up by Pennekamp, a Miami newspaper editor who'd played a major role in the creation of the Everglades National Park.

Pennekamp organized a fund-raising campaign, and land was purchased for the park. In 1962, the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park was officially inaugurated.

Attracting well over 50,000 visitors annually, the park is made up of mangrove swamps, seagrass beds and coral reefs.

The mangroves, which protect the land from the effects of erosion, are an important breeding ground for all manner of sea life, including shrimp and lobster. Birds like egrets, ospreys and cormorants live in the mangroves, as well as on the tiny islands in the channel leading to the open sea. If you're lucky, you'll see graceful kamakaze-like cormorants diving into the water in their ceaseless search for fish.

You'll notice that the color of the water varies from place to place. Green denotes a sandy bottom, and blue is a sign of seagrass, the most common of which is the sea fan. If the water is brown, you're over the reef.

It takes the MV Infante some 40 minutes to navigate through the mangrove channel to the reef, and by then the guide is getting a little excited pointing out all the sights.

Thanks to her well-trained sharp eyes, I see sea stars, scroll coral, flower coral, sea fans, reef squid and yellowtail damsel fish.

"Although the yellowtail is but 2 inches long, it is the most aggressive fish in the reef, fiercely protecting its algae home from all intruders, she says.

Sharks inhabit these Florida Bay waters, but in the last 25 years there has not been a single shark attack against divers, she adds.

Divers, who have the most fun here, can rent or purchase diving and snorkeling equipment in the park. Rental boats are also available.

Fishing is permitted, but fish associated with the reef are protected by law. Spearfishing is prohibited.

Swimming is popular in Largo Sound beach, and designated picnic and camping areas are located throughout the park.

If you want to get a close look at the mangrove swamps, you can do so by using the boardwalk.

The park opens at 8 a.m. and closes at sunset. You'd be greatly remiss if you pass it up during your stay in the Florida Keys.

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Travel

Bermuda beckons

Rendezvous Time attracts tourists

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

HAMILTON, Bermuda— Whether you come by cruise ship or direct flight from wintry Ontario to this island colony off the North Carolina coast of the United States, you will find temperature somewhat warmer than autumn at home. From mid-November to March is Rendezvous Time on the island with temperatures from the mid-70s to the high 60s (from 24 to 20 degrees Celsius).

During Rendezvous Time accommodation rates are usually lower than in the summer months. This applies to almost every type of hotel and guest house, of which there are close to 80, ranging from large luxury hotel complexes to cottages and apartments. There are special events during this period almost every week, and you can play golf on many of the island's eight golf courses — always with a view over the blue Atlantic Ocean. Tennis enthusiasts will find almost two dozen hotel and club tennis locations with from one to a dozen courts.

Special events this winter include the Bermuda Festival during January and February, when internationally-known artists will perform at hotels, theatres and community halls. An International Design Symposium and Flower Show is planned for November with seminars and botanical exhibits. In February there will be an International Women's Conference, bringing women executives here from around the world.

Buggy tours available

Every corner of the 24-square mile island is easily accessible for sightseeing, and as this travel reporter can testify after a number of trips to the island, there is much of interest to see. You can travel by car (they travel on the left as in Great Britain), by taxi, motorcycle or bicycle. There are even horse and buggy tours available. Or you can do a lot of sightseeing on foot. There are public buses and ferries to take you by road or by water to various parts of the island.

While most of the sightseeing may be just along Front St. where all the fine stores are located and along one side of which the cruise ships dock, you will find other places of interest in this area, such as the Sessions House, the legislature, which is one of the oldest parliaments in the British Commonwealth and also houses the island's Supreme Court. Nearby is the Perot Post Office which has been in use since 1819.

At the west end of the island you'll come across the Somerset Bridge over a channel so narrow that only a small sailboat can pass through when the bridge is up. It is believed to be the smallest drawbridge in the world. Here also in the former Royal Navy Dockyard is the Bermuda Maritime Museum and Fortified Keepyard, a source of the island's nautical history.

The town of St. George is at the east end of the island, a quiet place with an 18th century appearance, where the Old State House, the first legislature, dates back to 1620. In the square in front of this old building are the instruments of punishment of the time — the ducking stool for punishing disorderly persons and the stocks for punishing criminals. Here too are a number of old stone houses, a cave where gun powder was once stored, several forts and such small flower-lined streets as Featherbed Alley with a print shop where a replica of a 1784 printing press still works.

Sailing is a major sport with sailboats available for rent or sightseeing or even deepsea fishing, with or without a captain. You can also go windsurfing here or rent an outboard motorboat by the hour or day. There are numerous tours by water, some in glass-bottom boats to look at wrecks of old sailing ships and the multicolored world of tropical fish swimming among the corals. The adventurous can even go walking along the ocean floor among schools of tropical fish, each person wearing a glass-faced helmet and oxygen tank.

There are synagogues on Bermuda and only a small permanent Jewish population, but a substantial number of U.S. and Canadian Jewish vacationers come here. Special holiday and some Sabbath services are held at United States military bases on the island.

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Travel

Attractions to suit every taste

Washington a fine diversion for the South-bound

By JAMES MONTAGNES

WASHINGTON, DC — This capital city of the United States may be a bit off the direct route for southbound motoring vacationers from Ontario, but is worth the diversion if you have the time.

Washington is not only a world capital, architecturally laid out as such about 200 years ago, but has attractions to suit every vacationer taste. Here you can see some of the world's most famous art, eat just about any ethnic cuisine, partake of outdoor sports including canoeing within the city area, and stay at a wide range of hotels, many of which have weekend rates designed to attract tourists.

If you are thinking of a visit to Washington, drop a line to the Washington, DC Convention and Visitors Association, 1575 Eye St., NW, Suite 250, Washington 20005, and ask for the Washington Weekends brochure. Regular hotel rates are reduced at the hotels and many hotels offer special packages which include complimentary breakfast, newspaper, parking and other amenities. The brochure lists weekend hotel rates. In addition most hotels in the city offer discounts for senior citizens, information on which is available when making reservations.

Washington has more than 1,200 restaurants and 150 ethnic dining places. It is a gourmet's paradise where you can get food from sushi to southern, from pate to pasta, where you can eat at sidewalk cafes or world-class restaurants.

The city is now recognized as the second-biggest theatre town in the United States, coming after New York. There are more than 20 professional stage theatres, more than a dozen professional dinner and community theatres in the greater metropolitan area. They offer almost a score of comedy, classical, musical and modern productions.

No city matches history

No American city can match the history behind some of Washington's most famous theatres. For example, the National is the oldest theatre in the country still in continuous operation since 1835. There is Ford's, where President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated and there is the new American National Theatre in the John F. Kennedy Centre which was opened in 1985. There are also theatre tours which can be arranged for theatre buffs and history-connoisseurs.

There are dozens of museums and monuments to visit throughout the city, most of them free, ranging from the Smithsonian Museum to the legislative halls on Capitol Hill, from the presidential White House to the National Museum of African Art, from the National Art Gallery to the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden.

Then there are the not-to-be-missed Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the Washington Monument, the Pan-American Union Building, and the 8,000 acres of parkland where you can cycle, go windsurfing, play tennis, go horseback riding and even go paddle-boating.

Because many U.S. citizens want to visit their capital, there are now increasing facilities for the handicapped. Wheelchairs are available at most attractions, and ramps make easy access of various levels in museums and public buildings. On advance request, the Smithsonian Institute staff will have staff available for sign language and oral interpreters.

Many theatres have installed special listening systems for those with hearing problems. Even the Metropolitan transit system has in use a system for warning of approaching trains by pulsating lights along the edge of the station platform for the slightly or almost deaf. For travelers on the Metropolitan system who are visually impaired, train destinations and stops are frequently announced.

If you want to have a quick tour of some of the major government buildings, there are free tours arranged. You can have a tour of the Supreme Court Building, the Library of Congress, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing where U.S. money and stamps are produced, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Building (FBI) where tours are held frequently most days.

There are many places to visit in Washington with Jewish appeal, such as the Israel embassy; the Lillian and Albert Small Jewish Museum at Third and G Sts., NY; Jewish ritual artifacts at the Smithsonian Institute; the B'nai B'rith Museum at 1640 Rhode Island Ave., NW, and the National Archives with its collection of Jewish documents.

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Travel

To handle all-inclusive package tours

Wardair launches subsidiary for holiday hotspots

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

TORONTO —

Wardair, the Canadian charter airline company which earlier this year began scheduled domestic and trans-Atlantic services, this winter will have a separate company to handle all-inclusive priced holiday package tours to sunspots.

Wardair Holidays will have holiday packages to various Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico destinations, as well as to Hawaii, on ship cruises and to Great Britain for the theatre season.

Wardair as a scheduled airline will operate in each direction twice a day Monday to Friday between Toronto - Calgary - Vancouver, daily on weekends; Monday to Friday once Toronto-Edmonton, Toronto-Winnipeg; daily Toronto-Montreal and once a day Monday to Friday between Montreal - Winnipeg - Calgary - Edmonton-Vancouver.

Service between Toronto and London, England, will be four times weekly, twice weekly Toronto-Manchester, twice weekly Ottawa-London, weekly Vancouver-London and Calgary-London.

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Between Hawaii and Canada scheduled flights will vary from weekly to almost daily between Honolulu, Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria, Winnipeg, Regina and Saskatoon.

Wardair Holidays will operate Caribbean vacation packages to a wide variety of islands and Mexico and to a range of accommodations from inexpensive to luxury.

Included are holidays in Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, British Virgin Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands, Barbados and Cayman Islands, as well as Florida on both Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts.

In its colorful brochure on these Wardair Holidays it grades hotels, lists rates for one or two weeks per person based on double occupancy for hotel rooms, while prices include transportation from Toronto and Montreal.

The Wardair Holidays brochure for Great Britain features theatre attractions in London, has rates and tours for six theatre nights at centrally located hotels, city tours and other amenities. The brochure also deals with other travel in Great Britain, such as Britrail passes, car rentals and hotels elsewhere than for theatre vacationers.

The brochure on Wardair Holidays Hawaii covers practically all the Hawaiian islands, not just Oahu where Honolulu is located, with rates at the major hotels and resorts, travel between the islands and enjoy such special attractions as whale watching on the islands of Maui.

Wardair Holidays Caribbean cruises are on ships from various southern ports, with fares from Toronto and Montreal. They are on the S.S. Britanis which sails from Montego Bay, Jamaica; on Amerikanis sailing from Puerto Rico or Barbados; on the Victoria out of Puerto Rico and the Galileo out of Miami. They are for five or seven days, except for a 14-day cruise on the Victoria on Jan. 5. The ships call at a number of island and Central American ports.

It is of interest to note that Wardair will be using not only its Boeing 747 aircraft but also the new French A300 Airbus, a wide-bodied aircraft. For business as well as vacation travelers to Great Britain arrangements have been made with British Caledonian Airways for continuing travel to Europe and other continents.

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Organizer recalls 1st CSB campaign 40 years ago

Canada Savings Bonds, which mark their 40th anniversary, trace origin back to the dark days of the Second World War when Victory Bonds were sold to finance the war effort. The poster at left was used in 1942 and the poster at right during the 1949 CSB campaign.

OTTAWA —

"At first," said Furn Francis, who helped to organize the first Canada Savings Bond campaign in 1946, "people didn't believe they could cash in their bonds at any time.

"A few miners at Copper Cliff even went to the bank to see what would happen if they tried to cash them in. When they found they could, they took their bonds back and went home. After that, it was a lot easier. . . ."

Francis still active as an investment dealer, remembers going to Ottawa to help convince government officials to create a bond that would not fluctuate in price.

It was important, he felt, because CSBs would be bought by people who had little knowledge of the bond market and how it worked.

"People had to feel they could get back every cent they invested — at any time. It was an important selling point 40 years ago . . . and an important selling point today."

Canada Savings Bonds trace their origin to the dark days of the First and Second World Wars, when Ottawa raised billions of dollars through Victory Loans to finance Canada's war effort.

For many Canadians, who had just come out of the Depression, it was the first time in their lives they had been able to save.

In those days, the appeal was strong and aimed straight at the heart. Nothing . . . and no one . . . was spared or overlooked. Patriotism, religion, family, love and even guilt were pressed into service; the illustrations, strong and compelling.

It was, as early newspaper ads in 1942 noted:

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"It was quite clear that many Canadians, who had been able to save money for the first time in their lives through the Victory Loan campaigns, wanted a similar savings plan after the war," said Francis.

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The early CSB campaigns made use of popular singer Gisele MacKenzie, who was featured in a special film clip that was shown in movie houses. When TV emerged as a major new medium, celebrities like Wayne and Shuster extolled the virtues of Canada Savings Bonds.

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"Everyone should save — regardless of how much he or she has," says Francis, now in his 84th year.

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Coleman's celebrates 25th

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Ask Norm Kaman or Jerry and Carol Silverberg what the secret is behind their successful 25-year-old business and they will tell you they're people-conscious.

Co-owners of Coleman's Restaurant at 3085 Bathurst St., they say that it is concern for their customers that has kept their business thriving all these years.

"Ours is not a high tech deli. We don't have plush carpeting or brass rails. What we do have is good service, good food and a sincere appreciation for our customers," says Kaman.

To show this appreciation, Coleman's celebrated their 25th anniversary with a recent bash complete with hotdogs and drinks for 99¢, door prizes and gifts.

There was more to this party though, than eating, drinking and having fun. The trio donated the entire net proceeds from the celebration to the Hospital for Sick Children's Building Fund.

Carol Silverberg says that their family has used the hospital over the years and when it came time to pick a cause for their celebration they could not think of a better one.

She adds that this is not the first time Coleman's has been involved in charity work. "In past years we've donated 1,000 sandwiches to feed telephone volunteers at the annual Muscular Dystrophy telethon, but this is the first time we've tried to raise funds directly."

She says that arranging the celebration along with the regular chores of keeping a busy business going was a lot of hard work "but we don't know any other way."

Kaman agrees, saying he learned the meaning of hard work when he worked for his parent's company, International Beverages. "I delivered seltzer bottles to people's homes and it was not easy work. I discovered if you want a successful business you have to be quick, efficient and friendly. Customers demand a lot and you have to keep them happy."

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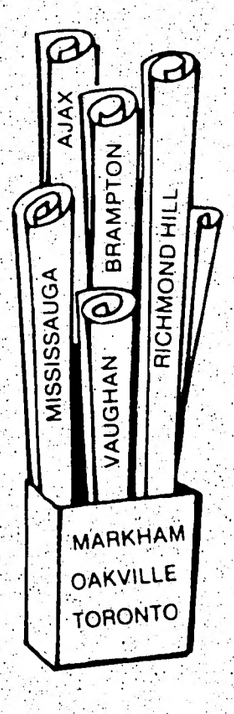

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Business Outlook

Partners a real wrecking crew

Tiger's a smash with real estate

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Tearing things down is big business. But sometimes, seeing a building go down can give the wreckers an extra measure of satisfaction to go along with financial rewards.

Just ask the owners-managers of Tiger Wrecking Ltd. Watching the "old Teperman building" torn down "tastes good," says David Nisker, president of Tiger. What makes the thought of tearing down that building "sugar on the cake" is the realization that the owners-managers of Tiger were once an integral part of the Teperman team.

Nisker, along with his two partners Bernie Stein and Fred Fink, spent years working in the Teperman outfit. In fact Nisker was secretary and shareholder, Stein was office manager and Fink was treasurer and shareholder.

Now the three are the movers and shakers behind Tiger, having launched their own company 3½ years ago, after spending as much as 26 years with the old firm.

The men behind the Tiger: (from left) David Nisker, Bernie Stein and Fred Fink.

Tiger is wrecking the "old Teperman yard" — sold by Teperman & Sons though the firm is still in the wrecking business — in the Eglinton-Keele area, says Nisker, president of Tiger.

Unmistakable bright orange placards brilliantly advertise Tiger projects, a familiar sight to downtown office workers.

The trademark orange color can be found at King and Bay, where Tiger is "smashing" buildings for a new Scotia Plaza. Last year the company finished a job in Montreal, taking down an old refinery while they've also wrecked a race track in St. Catharines.

Nisker modestly admits that in its 3½ years in business, Tiger has grown to be one of the top three or four wreckers in Toronto among the 50 listed in the phone book.

Years of experience makes the difference, he says. Nisker got involved in the business 26 years ago with Teperman, a company that could trace its history back to 1922.

That experience — it's all experience, there's no school for wreckers, he says — comes in handy when tearing down old buildings where the plans don't adequately describe the actual structure.

"You sometimes get surprises," says Nisker, adding one of the partners is on the job site every day to make sure things run smoothly and roofs don't come tumbling down on any of the heads of the firm's 60 employees.

While the wrecking business is not what it once was, "it's not so bad," admits Nisker. A 3-month job tearing down a 4-storey building can bring in about $150,000, he says, and the firm can also make a few dollars selling salvaged goods.

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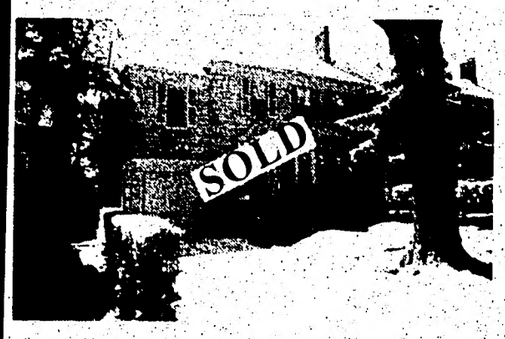

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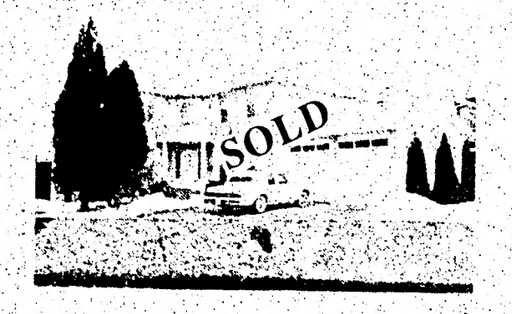

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Small Business Week opens

Govt. aid programs to be discussed

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It's the opening event of Small Business Week, sponsored annually across Canada by the Federal Business Development Bank, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and community chambers and boards of trade to recognize the entrepreneurial spirit of small business operators and to stress the vital role they play in the economy. This year's theme is Managing for Success.

The Harbourfront event will provide information on federal and Ontario government assistance programs for small business operators and will be of special interest to members of ethno-cultural business communities.

In addition to Crombie, representatives of Supply and Services Canada, Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario government's ministry of industry, trade and technology, will all be on hand, as well as FBDB officers.

The various speakers will outline relevant programs with particular reference to the needs of ethno-cultural businesses and will answer individual questions.

Afterwards, an informal reception is planned where participants will be able to meet Crombie, other speakers and peers in the small business community from numerous cultural groups.

The information forum is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, at The Ice House, Harbourfront, Toronto and the reception will follow from 5 to 6 p.m.

Other highlights of Small Business Week in Ontario will include business fairs at Belleville, Niagara Falls, Thunder Bay, Toronto and Stratford, featuring exhibits by provincial and federal government departments and agencies, small business groups, chartered banks, accountants' organizations, police departments and many more.

Biggest event of all in the province will be the Business Information Fair at Toronto's Ontario Place on oct. 22, 23 and 24, featuring shows by a long list of exhibitors and 22 1-hour workshops of special interest to small and medium-sized business owners and operators. Admission and parking are free.

Other events planned include a wide-ranging series of seminars, workshops, information sessions and open houses. Special workshops include: How to Start Your Own Business, Identifying Business Opportunities, Strategic Planning and The Balance Sheet as a Management Tool.

FBDB's new Automated Information for Management (AIM) program will also be featured at a number of Ontario locations.

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Rosh Hashanah 5747

Fascinating variety of people, services at Kotel

Celebrating New Year at heart of Jewish world

By
HERB KEINON

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Rosh Hashanah morning, 8.30, the second day. The white stone courtyard that leads up to the Kotel (Western Wall) is filling up.

Against a deep blue, cloudless Jerusalem sky, the sun inches its way over the Mount of Olives. The distinctively Middle Eastern sound of two nasal, elongated Arab words are heard from a nearby minaret: "Allah Akbar," God is great.

A steady flow of Jewish worshippers make their way to the Kotel — men to the left, women to the right. A 4-year-old boy, knitted kipa hanging over the tip of his left ear, grabs his father's hand and parts from his mother who looks after them waving her hand.

Men file into the courtyard past a stand filled with cardboard kipas for the unprepared. Beyond the stand the worshipers are met by men trying to lure them to their particular minyan. The leader speeds through the service and punctuates it with operatic-sounding interludes. The Hebrew accents include Lithuanian, Moroccan and 20th century Israeli. The accents are different; the prayers more or less the same.

Dozens of services are taking place simultaneously. Some have barely a quorum of 10; others have well over 50. The Kaddish of one service blends in with the Mussaf recitation of another. Here the Shema is recited, there the shofar is blown. It is an unorganized emporium of services.

While one minyan is taking out the Torah, another minyan puts it back. It is jumbled and confused; it is fascinating to watch.

One of the minyans begins the Haftorah reading. A young, clean-shaven man in his early 20s, wearing sandals, blue pants and a tallit over his short-sleeved, wrinkled white shirt, reads from Jeremiah: "Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth."

How appropriate the verse seems as one looks out upon the vast collection of Jews gathered in front of the Kotel. A list of their native lands reads like the index of a world atlas: Afghanistan, Brazil, Canada, Ethiopia, France. . . .

The variety of their native tongues seems a partial catalogue of the world's langauges: Arabic, Belorussian, Czech, Dutch, English. . . . Yet they have made their way to Israel, and their sons and daughters speak Hebrew.

The reader of the Haftorah continues: "And there is hope for thy future, saith the Lord; and thy children shall return to their own border."

A group of tourists speaking a Scandinavian language lean upon the iron chain that separates the praying of the courtyard from the socializing of the plaza area behind it.

Here friends meet, high school students flirt, people watch people. One of the tourists takes out a pocket camera and points it at the praying, swaying masses. An elderly Sephardi guard, identified by a blue hat with a badge attached, runs toward the tourist yelling ferociously in heavily accented English: "No camera today. No, no." The tourist, eyes lowered, slips the camera back into his pocket.

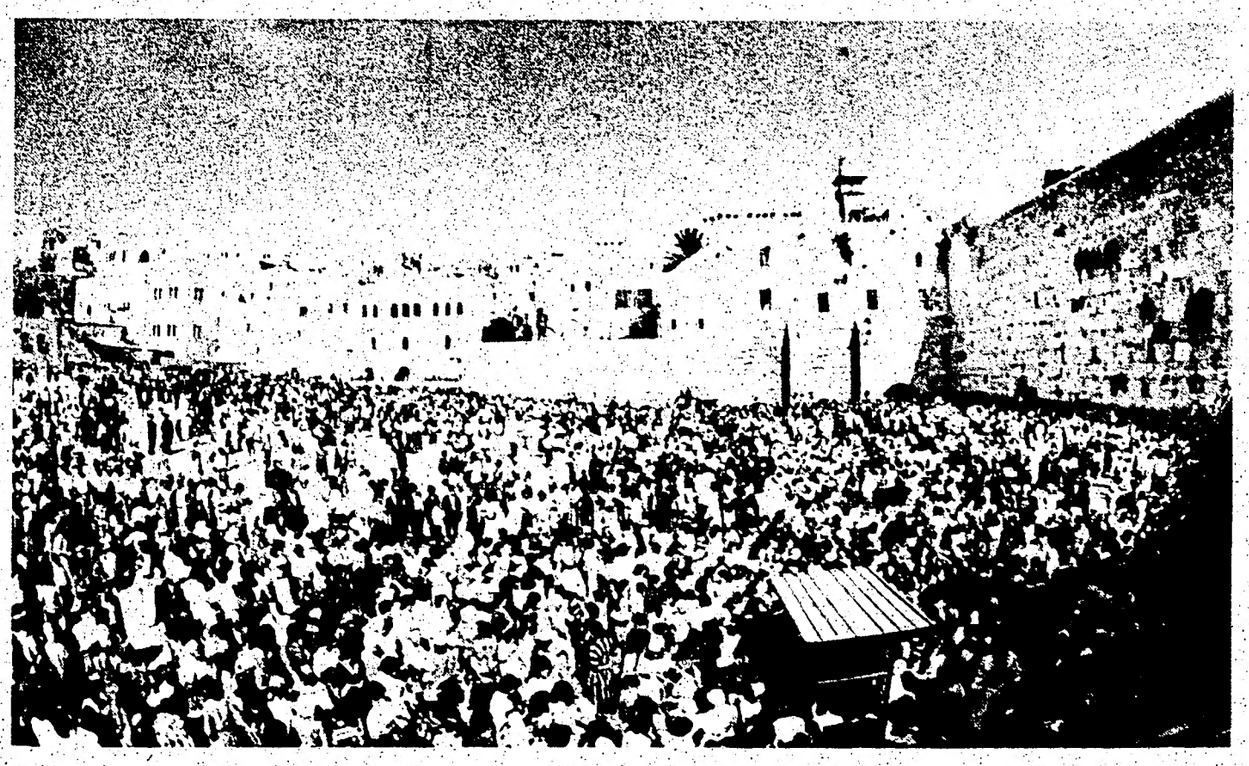
Indeed the sight would be a photographer's delight. There are worshipers in green army uniforms; American tourists in coats and ties, chassidim wearing black pants, black coats and fur streimels.

Children — some with suspenders and corkscrew earlocks, others with shorts and sandals — run, jump and slide across the courtyard as their fathers pray.

Here a man sways wildly, there a man stands dead still with his arm upon the Kotel, his head upon his arm. Some men have a tallit draped over their heads, others have it loosely around their shoulders, still others just have fringes jutting out from underneath their shirts.

Some wear fedoras while others sport only kipas. In the plaza area, a group of four border policemen, identifiable by their green berets, sit smoking and laughing, their Galil rifles resting on their knees. They sit and watch as the variegated Jewish world parades before them.

On the women's side there are no organized services; no minyan groups. Rather, the women crowd close to the wall and pray privately. Some weep loudly, others raise their hands imploringly toward heaven. A few place their ears close to the 6-foot slatted metal mehitza (partition), hoping to hear some of the Torah being read on the other side. But the din is so great it is doubtful anything can be heard.



Rosh Hashanah at the Kotel is a happy parade of the variegated world.

At the entrance to the women's section, a guard hands shoulder shawls to women he deems to be immodestly dressed. Many are the elegantly coiffured wigs, the black scarfs and colorful kerchiefs and hats worn by married, observant women. Many, also, are the heads left uncovered.

A young girl in pigtails and black stockings — hand in hand with an identically dressed playmate — skips across the width of the women's section. Her mother passes her a disapproving look. The girl stops in mid-stride, picks up a prayer book and approaches the Kotel.

Referring to the Kotel, the late Conservative Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote: "No comeliness to be acclaimed, no beauty to be relished. But a heart and an ear."

On Rosh Hashanah many are those who walk to the Kotel to speak to this ear, derive comfort from this heart. It seems a most fitting way to start the new year.

Holiday "doing" ceremonies

Colorful customs leave vivid memories

By
DR. FRED WEINBERG

Kaporos schlogt men, zu tashlich geht men, malkes schlogt men and shawnes klapt men.

I remember taking part in some of these active High Holiday customs as a young boy. It was in the company of my parents and grandparents and it left an indelible impression with me.

These colorful "doing" ceremonies of my childhood were for me, more interesting and vivid than all the solemn "davening prayers" in the Ostrovtzer Shul on Cecil and Spadina Ave.

Rooster for man, and hen for woman

The custom of schlogen kapores consists of each man or boy taking a rooster and each woman or girl taking a hen in the left hand, putting their right hand on its head and swinging it three times around one's own head sasying, "This is my substitute, this is my exchange, this is my atonement. This fowl will go to death and I will enter upon a good, long life and peace."

Then the chicken is slaughtered and varying customs followed. In some places the meat was given to the poor. In others, the family kept the fowl and gave the cost of the chicken in money to the poor.

The kapores ceremony is to be found not only among Jews, for an old belief, a primitive conception that is common to many people, forms the basis of the custom. It is an age old feeling that it is possible to transfer ill fortune, illness or sin to a proxy who would suffer in his stead.

Picart, a French artist, depicted the malkes custom in the Spanish Portuguese Synagogue of Amsterdam in 1723.

A magical nature has been ascribed to the rooster because of his big red comb. The color red in the superstition of many peoples keeps the devil away. The devil in Jewish lore as described in the Talmud, had the feet of a rooster. According then to the kapores ceremony, man could transfer his sins to the hen or rooster.

Rabbi Joseph Caro, author of the Code of Jewish Laws branded kapores as a stupid custom. The famous Gaon of Vilna and many other rabbinic leaders forbade the practice of kapores in their communities.

Traditional Jews have for centuries walked on the afternoon of Rosh Hashanah to the nearest body of free flowing water and recited psalms and the passage from the prophet Micah "The people of Israel will cast out all their sins into the depths of the sea."

The word for "you will cast" is tashlich, hence the name of this ceremony which consists of shaking bread crumbs out of their pockets to symbolize the shaking out of their sins during the past year so that those transgressions can be swept downstream.

The tashlich custom goes back at least to the 14th century, mentioned by the Maharil one of the greatest German rabbis of that period. But it is likely that it was practiced earlier by certain Jews before it was adopted by the masses of the people.

Similar customs and habits have been found in other cultures but like many such originally pagan rituals, the Jews purified them and attached loftier ideas and thoughts to these foreign practices. This removed the superstition and the more primitive symbol of these acts.

The custom of having oneself flogged on the day before Yom Kippur is an ancient one. It was practiced in the 12th century in the time of Rashi. This practice known as malkes or stripes, the physical lashing by a synagogue functionary is pretty well a forgotten custom today but many people remember it taking place in central Europe in their childhood.

Klappen shawnes on Hoshano Rabboh

Picart, the French illustrator of Jewish ceremonials, has a very vivid and interesting engraving of this tradition amongst the Spanish-Portuguese Jews of Amsterdam in 1723.

At the end of the High Holiday cycle, on the seventh day of Succoth in ancient times when the Temple in Jerusalem was standing, the priests would march seven times around the Altar, wave the lulav, beating its leaves against the ground.

Today, klappen shawnes is the remnant of this custom. This beating of branches of willows was a widespread custom in many cultures since the willow symbolized fertility. The beating of the willows and the seven processions continue in traditional synagogues today on Hoshano Rabboh towards the end of the High Holiday cycle.

When I was a boy on this seventh day of Succoth, I remembe taking up the shawnes — fine willow branches bound with a leaf of the lulov and beating them on the shul bench or floor. Though it was necessary to beat the willows only five times, I and my friends kept on beating until we were rudely commanded to stop.

Despite the moral, ethical and philosophical concepts of the repentance prayers during the High Holiday period, "amcha," that is the large masses of average Jews through the ages identified better with those physical actions that made prayer and repentance personally meaningful.

And despite their prhibition by some rabbinic authorities, these customs persisted because the emotional needs of the people were met by schlogen kapores, gehen zu tashlich, schlogen malkes and klapen shawnes.

לשנה טובה תכתבו

The High Holidays serve as a time of remembrance

By
RABBI
SELIG KOROLNEK

The season of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is traditionally associated with the idea of remembrance. These are the days when G-d remembers our actions — good and bad — and judges whether or not we shall be blessed with a good life and happiness during the coming year.

But in another sense these are times of remembrance for ourselves. When we come to the synagogue on these sacred holidays, we often remember our parents and our grandparents.

We recall when we walked with them to the synagogue. We remember their tears when they heard Kol Nidrei or when they were moved by a particular poem or prayer and we recall their devotion and piety.

These memories are a vital part of our religious life. They make Judaism personal. They imbue the rituals with new dimensions of emotion. They allow each of us his own particular, personalized Judaism.

More often than not, we are unable to force intellectually our deep-seated memories to surface themselves. They usually rise when suddenly something strikes a nerve of nostalgia in us. It might be the smell of baking bread that will remind us of how our mothers baked challes for Shabbat. It might be a particular melody in our ritual which will remind us of our fathers' piety.

For me, Shabbat would not be fully Shabbat unless I recalled how we used to sing Z'Mirot in my father's house on Friday night.

We all have such memories. We all sometimes remember the small, generally unnoticed acts of piety and devotion of parents and grandparents. No one can fully share them with us. They are our own private treasures. The greater the religious devotion of our parents, the richer our own appreciation for Jewish observances.

Today we all like to think of ourselves as sophisticated and rational. We do not like to show piety or religious emotion. We are hesitant to admit that we have sacred religious memories. We are even more reluctant to share deep religious experiences with our children because we are afraid we will be viewed as old-fashioned.

We are in the process of freezing the emotion out of our religion, when more than ever the emotion is needed. Though our personal memories rest safely in our subconscious minds, we are not creating anything meaningful for our offsprings to remember.

We are destroying the institution of religious nostalgia, the very institution that makes religion human and personal to us.

If we are freezing our personal memories, we are also freezing our collective memory. As Jews, we not only have personal experiences and a personal past, we have a national history and a national memory. Traditionally, Jews have always studied and cherished their past.

The collective memory of our people has kept us from becoming impersonal unemotional robots following abstract and cold laws. The memory has given us a national soul.

In a penetrating essay, Martin Buber comments on the need for us to study our past, to develop and refine our ability to have a memory. He writes: "Much has disappeared from Jewry in the past 150 years, but nothing is so ominous as the disappearance of the collective memory and the passion for handing down.

"All attempts to replace this vital force with substitute morals or forms have been inadequate and will prove more so."

Deep within each of our souls are Jewish memories, personal and national. Deep in our subconscious selves there are sparks waiting to be released. Sometimes, when we least expect it, they will burst forth and open a gateway to our past. They will give us an ecstatic religious experience.

There is a story which profoundly illuminates the power of Jewish memories. During World War II, several thousand Jewish children were sent to England so that they might be spared the massacres in Europe. These youngsters were taken in by Christians and were raised as Christians.

After the war, a Jewish man who knew that Jewish children had been sent to England, went there to see if he could find them and reclaim them as Jews. Of course, his task was not easy. How could he identify Jewish children from amongst non-Jewish ones?

His plan was to go through camps where English children played and to sing the Shema Israel, Dayenu, and Kol Nidrei. And as he walked thrcugh the camps singing these Hebrew words, some children would raise their tear-filled eyes to him and call out: "Mommy! Mommy!" He had reached their souls. He had given life to their hidden memories. These memories saved them as Jews.

Our children are turning to us for memories to enrich their lives. If we freeze our own religious emotions, then we are robbing our posterity of their rightful heritage. If we can sit in the synagogue on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur without reflecting a sincere emotion, we are not only harming our own religious natures, but we are disinheriting our offspring.

May G-d give us the strength and the will to deepen our knowledge of our religion, to increase our level of religious observance and dedication, so that our posterity may have a more profound attachment to Judaism.

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Challot and "Shana tova"

City bustles in preparation

By
HERB KEINON

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The moods of Jerusalem are as varied as the many colors a rising sun paints upon the stark white canvas of the Judean Desert. It is uniquely receptive, this Jerusalem. Receptive in that it seems to reflect the emotions of its inhabitants.

On Rosh Hashanah, for example, and for some weeks preceding the festival, the city feels joyous, seeming to take on an almost tangible festive air. Barber shops are full; round challot adorn bakery windows; beggars collect more than usual because donors are trying to end the year on a meritorious note.

As acquaintances pass in the street they exchange a cheerful, 2-word greeting that seems to refresh the city: "Shana tova."

During Elul, the month leading up to Rosh Hashanah, the sound of the shofar is heard each morning in Jerusalem's many synagogues.

Throughout the month minyans of men struggle to work, visibly tired as a result of rising at dawn to recite special penitential prayers (slichot).

And a steady flow of people make their way to the city's cemeteries, because Elul — the month of repentance — is the most propitious time to visit the graves of friends and relatives.

The Mahane Yehuda market, a cross between a typical Middle Eastern bazaar, and Hester St. in turn-of-the-century New York, is one place in particular where the approaching holiday is acutely felt.

Mahane Yehuda

For Rosh Hashanah, visitors to Mahane Yehuda purchase dates by the gram, apples by the kilo, Challas by the dozen. They push, they haggle, they smile. They exchange holiday greetings. They complain about the news.

From the city's extremities they travel to buy cheaply everything from yartzeit candles to honey, but with the holidays approaching, and many purchases to be made, many Jerusalemites are only too happy to make the trip.

Alongside Mahane Yehuda's regular staples, holiday prayer books (mahzorim) are sold by street vendors, who hawk them like programs at a sporting event. You can buy, in various sizes and colors, an Ashkenazi or Sephardi mahzor, or one specially suited for Jews from Yemen.

And, as an additional reminder of the season, during the final days of Elul there is a rush on the market's butcher shops. People impatiently wait in line to buy squalling, kicking chickens upon which they hope to transfer their year's worth of sins (kaporot).

In addition, certain fruits and vegetables are in particularly high demand during this season. Apples, of course, go very quickly. So do beets, leeks, pomegranates and carrots. Honey is also sold here, with store owners making pyramids out of the plastic containers. Also, whole fish are sold at a more brisk pace than usual.

If you are wondering about the symbolism of these various foods, there is a simple explanation. The apple dipped in honey, for example, which is perhaps the most well known traditional food, symbolizes divine blessing (honey), as used in the Torah, and the apple, our sages have told us, represents the Jewish people — the apple of God's eye.

Many families dip challah into the honey as well. But the challah on Rosh Hashanah is different. Bakery shops in the Jewish market feature three kinds: a simple round one, a round one with a ladder-like top, and a round one topped by what looks like a ring. The simple round challah symbolizes a desire for a full year; the challah with the ladder symbolizes a desire that one's prayers ascend to heaven; and a ring on top gives expression to the desire to have a complete year.

Sephardi custom

In many Sephardi homes the main course is not served until a number of fruits and vegetables are eaten, after which an appropriate benediction is said. For instance, beets are eaten because the Hebrew word for beet, selek sounds like salek, the Hebrew verb which means to remove. After eating the beets it is customary to say: "May my enemies be removed."

Many families, both Ashkenazi and Sephardi, have a tradition of eating fish on Rosh Hashanah and although most people would not dream of eating the fish's head during the year, on Rosh Hashanah this is customary. After partaking of the head — some communities substitute the head of a sheep for the head of a fish — it is traditional to say: "May it be your wish that we be as the head and not the tail."

At this time of the year, cabdrivers, housewives and professors; Torah scholars, soldiers and clerks all squeeze through the littered alleys and cramped streets that make up Mahane Yehuda. But despite their differences, all have one vital thing in common — all are preparing for Rosh Hashanah.

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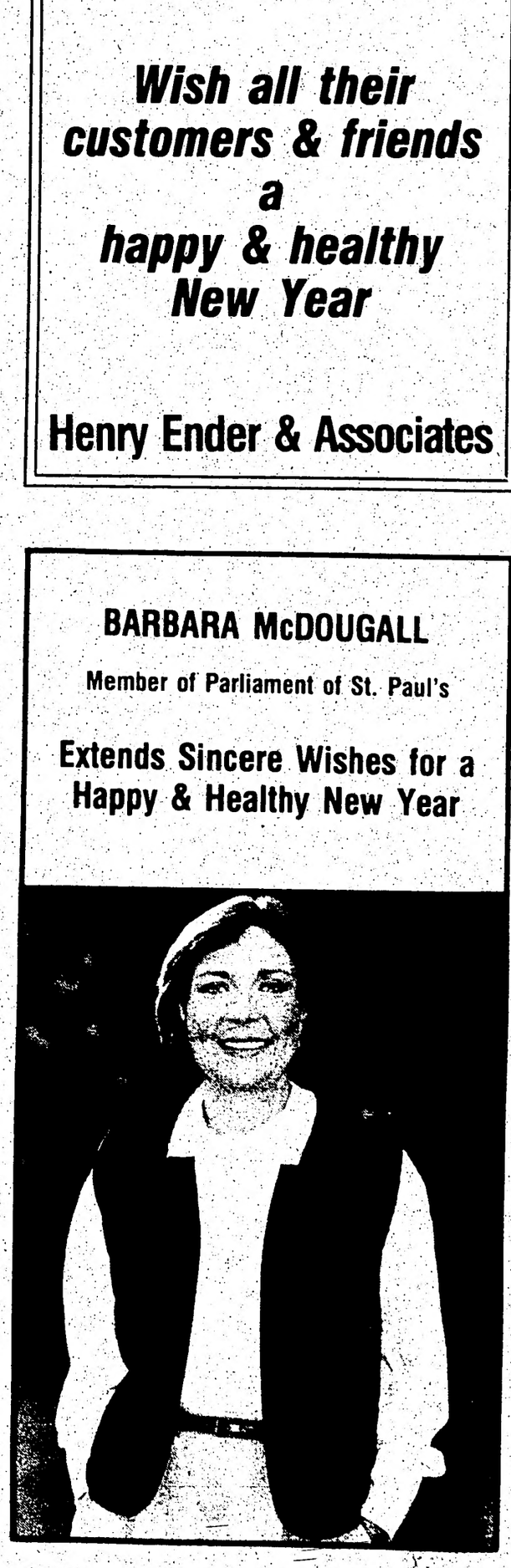

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Casting burdens into the water

New version of an old ceremony

RABBI BERNARD BASKIN, spiritual leader of Temple Anshe Shalom, discusses the merits of a new version of the Tashlich ceremony — casting some of our burdens and problems into the waters of the past.

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There is an old and colorful Rosh Hashanah ceremony that was more widely observed in years gone by than it is in our time. Pious Jews would gather on the afternoon of the festival at the banks of a river, or a body of water, and there symbolically cast their sins "into the depths of the sea."

I have vivid memories from my childhood of a mass of figures on the Williamsburg Bridge in Brooklyn reciting the special prayers of this ritual and engaging in this dramatic tradition.

It is not likely that the "Tashlich" ceremony will ever become widespread again. Yet, how wonderful it would be — on the threshold of every New Year — if we could cast some of our troublesome burdens and problems into the waters of yesterday.

What are some of these burdens that we might, to our advantage, hurl into the swift-rushing waters of the past?

The first of these burdens that we should throw into the waters of yesterday is the bundle of misunderstanding and animosity that we have accumulated over the past year. We may have legitimate complaints of unprovoked unkindnesses. Sometimes our good deeds are repaid by evil, our generosity by baseness.

However, we must not allow these grievances to twist our character. "Revenge is sweet," said the poet. But such sweetness is shortlived — it soon turns sour.

A woman was describing to a friend an unpleasant experience on a bus. A passenger sat down beside her with two noisy children at her side. She carried a number of sloppily tied packages that kept poking into her neighbor's ribs. In addition, a cigarette dangled from her lips, the ashes falling into the lap of her companion.

Her friend interrupted and said, "I don't see why you are so amused about it. Why didn't you tell her off?" To which the other responded, "What was the use of getting angry? After all, we had only such a short distance to travel together."

Here is a true commentary on all human relationships! We have such a short distance to go together. Why should this brief journey be marred by hatred and bitterness, by spite and acrimony? A new season is the time to cast bickerings, the suspicions and estrangements, the insults and grudges of the past year into the sea.

Abraham Lincoln was once questioned by one of his closest advisers. "Mr. President, I don't understand why you treat your enemies with such kindness. It would seem to me that you should want to destroy them." The President reflected for a moment and then answered, "My dear fellow, I do destroy an enemy when I make him into a friend."

Orthodox Jews at the seashore in Tel Aviv recite prayers as they cast their sins into the waters during Rosh Hashanah.

A second burden we ought to throw into the sea is our sense of failure and frustration from the past year. Who is without disappointment? We set our hearts on a specific goal, we nurture a worthy ambition and when we fail we become dejected and discouraged.

We have the tendency to review our past failure in our mind, to brood over them and thus engender the spirit of defeatism.

In a sense many people never fail at all — they just give up. For them failure is the line of least persistence. Failure, properly faced can be a teacher. It can challenge us to renewed efforts and even to new heights of accomplishment.

We often underestimate our possibilities. Even a small stream can carry a great quantity of water to the sea — if it only keeps running. Certainly, trying times are no time to stop trying.

Every carpenter knows that a repeated series of small blows can more readily penetrate the hardness of a twisted oak than one great blow. Many of our personal problems may be as tough as an oak. The carpenter's way is the only intelligent formula for success — patience plus persistence.

The last of the burdens might be our heavy load of unnecessary worries and needless anxieties. Some fears are, of course, normal and even valuable. Only an idiot could face the next 12 months without concern and perturbation.

We fear for the future of our children, for the happiness and well-being of our spouse — or perhaps our aged parents. We are troubled by the pollution of our environment, the breakdown of traditional values, the security of the world.

Fears are understandable and sometimes even irresistible reaction to what we can't explain or control in the world around us. But worry and anxiety are responses that often bear little relation to reality.

Some people wear themselves out by carrying three kinds of worry at the same time — all they have had, all they now have, and all they expect to have. An eminent physician wrote: "Worry affects the blood circulation, the heart, the glands, and the whole nervous system. I have never known a person who died from overwork, but many who have died from worry."

A University of Wisconsin study revealed that 40% of our worries are about things that never happen; 30% are about things beyond our help and 22% of our worries are petty and needless. This leaves only 8% of our worries that have any validity or meaning.

The only antidote to the sickness of anxiety is the medicine of confidence and faith. Every tomorrow has two handles — we can grasp it by the handle of anxiety or by the handle of faith.

An angry reader stormed into a newspaper office waving the evening edition, asking to see who wrote the obituary. He was referred to a cub reporter to whom he showed the column that included his own obituary.

"You see I am very much alive," he told the reporter. "I demand a retraction!"

The reporter replied, "I never retract a story. But I tell you what I'll do; I'll put you in the birth column and give you a fresh start!"

The New Year is a time for a change in heart. A time to cast into the depths of the sea the burdens that have weighed us down and hindered our growth and progress.

Let us dispose of our unwarranted anxieties, the petty grievances and animosities that embitter our lives, and the sense of failure that makes sour our days and years. Rosh Hashanah marks not only a change in the season but also a season of change.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Shmitta year brings farming strictures

By
DVORA WAYSMAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Shmitta happens every seven years, beginning on Rosh Hashanah, and although for most of world Jewry it is just a theological concept with no practical application, for Israel's observant Jews it has profound significance. "The seventh year shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land," we are commanded (Lev. 25:4).

Exiled for the greater part of their history, the shmitta year was largely forgotten by Jews who were not obliged to observe it, i.e. if they lived outside of Eretz Israel. Even those who lived in Palestine and were persecuted had reason to waive its observance. But since the birth of the State of Israel, it has bcome a voluntary act of piety for observant Jews and is again a lively issue in the conscience of Israelis.

During the first Commonwealth — the settlement of Canaan under Joshua — the Jewish people were lax in observing shmitta and many lapsed into idolatry.

Ezra ruefully observed in the epilogue to Chronicles: "And they burnt the house of God . . . and those that escaped from the sword did Nebuchadnezzar carry into exile into Babylon . . . until the kingdom of Persia came to the government to fulfil the word of the Lord until the land has been paid its (unobserved) Sabbaths; all the days of its desolation it rested until 70 years were completed."

Neglect of shmitta brought exile, and for more than four of the nine centuries of the first Commonwealth, Shmitta was not observed properly. When the exiles returned under Ezra and Nehemia, they solemnly vowed to keep it.

It required great self-sacrifice to refrain from cultivating the land when the Romans levied a heavy annual crop tax. Yet even with the fields lying fallow and vineyards untended, most Jews managed somehow to satisfy the Romans' demands. The rabbis dealt leniently with Jews who could not observe shmitta — in fact Rabbi Yannai ruled: "Go forth and sow in the seventh year on account of the Arnona (crop tax)." (Sanhedrin 26a).

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Jewish farmers abroad are not obliged to leave their fields fallow, as the obligation begins "... when ye come into the land which I give you. ..." (Lev. 25:2.)

For many generations both Jews and Gentiles saw the logic of letting the land rest periodically and voluntarily practiced crop rotation. In Israel today, still largely an agricultural land, shmitta brings with it a very heavy economic burden.

Learned rabbis (including the late Rabbi Abraham Kook) agreed to a "heter" (special dispensation) to sell the land to non-Jews during the sabbatical, to permit the land to be worked.

Other methods have also been devised . . . an early sowing of vegetables before the new year (relying on the view of Rabbi Shimeon from Sens) and the growing of crops by hydroponics or soil-less systems as is practiced at the Poalei Yisrael kibbutzim. They are helped with government subsidies and fund raising; but the full biblical observance of shmitta is impossible for the public as a whole.

How does shmitta affect the religious community in Israel? Throughout the year, lists of shops appear in newspapers from whom it is permissible to buy fruit and vegetables.

For many ultra-Orthodox Jews who do not accept the heter of selling the land, there are certain shops that market only Arab or imported products; and the Arab markets in East Jerusalem, Jericho and Bethlehem are thronged throughout the shmitta year by those Jews who will only buy produce not grown on Jewish soil.

We don't always understand the reasons for the commandments, but shmitta teaches us that the earth belongs to God. It also gives men freedom just to study Torah, for he is not preoccupied with working the land.

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Rivalry legendary

Bakeries wage bread battle

By
CAROL GREEN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Ask any resident of this city who bakes his bread and you'll get one of two answers: Angel's or Berman's. Where there were once several dozen commercial bread bakeries in Jerusalem, today only the largest two survive.

The rivalry between Angel's and Berman's is legendary. As a local newspaper explains, "The competition is over more than just bread. It is a battle between two families, two ethnicities — Ashkenazi and Sephardi — and two philosophies."

Still, it is a competition among gentlemen. The two families maintain cordial relations. As capitalists trying to turn a profit in the heavily regulated Israeli economy these days, they have more to agree about than the local wage would have one believe.

But occasionally the conflict flares up, as when the Angel brothers submitted a proposal to the city council to rename the street both bakeries share after their late father. Yitzchak Berman fought the proposal tooth and nail. "Berman's bakery on Angel St. — it just doesn't sound right," he shrugs.

On the commercial front, Angel is currently the victor producing 200,000 loaves per day as opposed to Berman's 80,000. Today, Angel's is the biggest commercial bakery in Israel, supplying most of the country as well as the Israel Defence Forces. But it wasn't always so. Until 1960, Berman's was the undisputed champion.

The doyenne of Jerusalem bakeries was founded in 1875 when Kreshe and Todros Berman, the great-grandparents of the current chief executive, immigrated to Jerusalem from Lithuania. Todros Berman was a professional scholar so the burden of supporting the family fell to his wife. Fortunately, Kreshe Berman was a clever woman with a keen business sense.

The family settled in the Old City not far from the Via Dolorosa. Each day, Kreshe Berman watched pilgrims from all over the world retrace the path of the cross on their knees. She noticed that afterwards they were tired and hungry, so she began to bake bread and cakes to sell to them.

At that time the only other bread available was pita. When other Europeans in the Old City got word that Kreshe was baking Russian black bread, they began to jam her tiny bakery.

Kreshe recruited her son Yehoshua, then barely beyond the age of bar mitzvah, to help her handle the demand. Yehoshua inherited his mother's business talent. Under his guidance, the bakery became one of the most important businesses in the old Yishuv. Berman's bakery was among the first Jewish businesses to move outside of the walls of the Old City.

Yehoshua Berman was a strong believer in modernization. He traveled to Europe to purchase up-to-date equipment for the bakery. Yet, he was also a traditional patriarch and was strongly influenced by the Bible. When it became time for his sons to join the business he offered them a 50% partnership in exchange for seven years of labor. The sons agreed and, under these conditions gradually assumed control of the business. His grandson, Yitzchak Berman is the current chief executive.

In semi-socialistic Israel, the Bermans' independence has hurt them. In 1958, the government offered substantial loans and tax incentives to both bakeries to encourage them to relocate to a new industrial zone on the outskirts of Jerusalem. The Bermans refused the loans, insisting that "capitalists must behave like capitalists."

The Angels took the money and since that time they have been number one. Later, the Bermans relented and accepted the loans, but by that time it was too late for them to recapture first place.

Until the early 60s, Angel's ran a distant second to Berman's. Although the Angel family has been in Jerusalem for eight generations, it has been baking bread only for the last three. They came to Jerusalem from Spain following a brief sojourn in Livorno, Italy. To this day they are known as the "Livernese Angels," to distinguish themselves from other branches of the family who settled elsewhere after the Inquisition.

The Angels were involved in many commercial enterprises in the city. Family patriarch Solomon Angel was a flour merchant and importer. In 1927, a bakery in the Bayit Vegan section of Jerusalem which he supplied with flour went bankrupt. Solomon Angel found himself the leading creditor. Rather than trying to get his money back in court, he preferred to take over the bakery.

Like Yehoshua Berman, Angel was devoted to his business. His sons recall that he would leave the family home in the Jerusalem suburb of Talpiot on Saturday night after the Sabbath and walk across town to the bakery. He remained there until the following Sabbath.

Although his sons displayed abilities in other areas, Solomon Angel insisted that they join him in the bakery — Abraham is a lawyer and Oved a pharmacist, but all work in the bakery. Another son, Danny, is also a partner in the business. By all accounts, it is a harmonious partnership. All three brothers are also heavily involved in community affairs.

The Angel brothers work to maintain their lead. Recently, they attended a trade show in the U.S., where they viewed the latest in baking technology. They also added a bakeshop and cafe which sells fresh breads and cakes.

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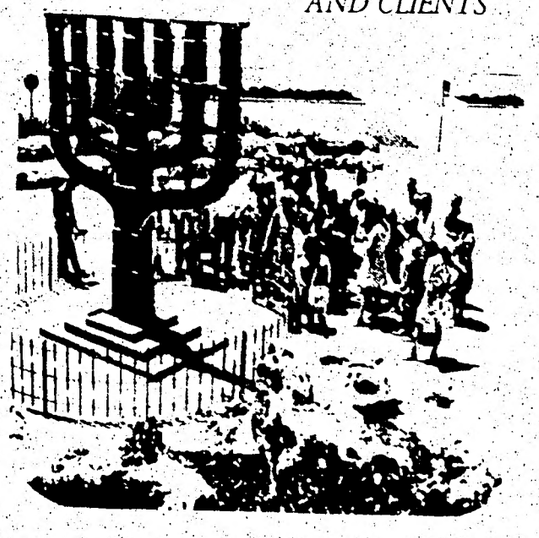

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Ritual murder charge destroyed community

Medieval English Jewry's heyday in Lincoln

By
HENRY SREBRNIK

LINCOLN, England — The ancient city of Lincoln, about 135 miles north of London, is a bit off the beaten track. Its Jewish community is insignificant, and hardly matters in the larger Anglo-Jewish scheme of things. Most Jews today live in large urban centres such as London, Leeds, Manchester, and Glasgow.

But medieval Jewry had a very different cast to it, and in feudal times Lincoln was second only to London as a centre of Jewish life. At the height of Lincoln's prosperity, in the 11th to 13th centuries, Jews were prominent in the life of the town.

Unfortunately, they also became the objects of suspicion and hatred, all of which culminated in a famous incidence of blood libel. In fact, certain events that transpired in Lincoln contributed to the demise of English Jewry in the Middle Ages.

Not far from the city's imposing castle and cathedral are splendid examples of medieval, Tudor, and Regency houses, including the sturdy stone buildings that once housed the wealthy and prominent Jewish community.

Construction of Lincoln Castle, which occupies 13 acres in the upper city, was begun in 1068 by William the Conqueror. With its observatory towers and strong fortifications, it withstood many a seige.

Wool was the mainstay of the town's economy — the legendary Robin Hood, who inhabited nearby Sherwood Forest, wore the fine woollen cloth known as Lincoln Green — and the rich burghers of Lincoln built a series of magnificent monuments, including the triple-towered Lincoln Cathedral, considered by many to be the finest in England.

The famed bishop of Lincoln, Hugh of Avalon, who was responsible for seeing to it that the cathedral was completed after it had been devastated by fire and an earthquake, was a friend of the Jewish community. When he died in 1200, legend has it, the Jews of the town wept. Their premonitions were, sadly, correct.

The Jews in Lincoln were mainly involved in commerce and trade. Perhaps the most prominent was Aaron of Lincoln, whose operations extended throughout England. Even the king was indebted to him.

In the best of times, the Jews were seen as a source of money. For instance, they were required to "contribute" to the building of the cathedral. Then the Crusades unleashed a wave of anti-Jewish feeling throughout Europe and the Jews of England were not spared.

In Lincoln, a ritual murder accusation, involving the alleged crucifixion of a child, Little St. Hugh, surfaced in 1255, during the reign of Henry III, and the story spread throughout England. A century later, Geoffrey Chaucer, in the Canterbury Tales, would write of "O young Hew of Lincoln, slain also by cursed Jews, as it is notable."

More than 90 Jews were sent to London for trial, and 18 were executed; the town's Jewish quarter and synagogue were later sacked. (The child was canonized in the Middle Ages, but there is now an official disclaimer in the cathedral, calling the story an unfounded libel.)

In 1290, the Jews of England, then numbering about 16,000, were forcibly expelled, their property seized by the crown. They would not return to England for more than 360 years. And they would never really come back to Lincoln.

However, a few of the buildings — some of the oldest Jewish structures outside of Israel — remain standing to this day. At the point where Steep Hill ends and The Straight begins are two 12th century architectural gems, the Jew's House, built circa 1170, and the Jew's Court.

The Jew's House, now the site of a restaurant, preserves a beautifully moulded doorway, with the remains of a chimney situated above it. Records confirm that it was occupied by a Jewish family before 1290 and that a Jewish wedding, attended by leading Jews in England, took place there in 1275.

The adjoining Jew's Court is thought to have been a synagogue in the Middle Ages. Recent research seems to suggest that the upper parts of the building may have been rebuilt since medieval times. Today, it is a regional crafts centre run by a hospice trust.

Nearby, at No. 47 Steep Hill — a picturesque, cobblestoned winding alleyway — stands a Norman edifice known as Aaron the Jew's House, although there is a debate as to whether he actually lived there.

There are periodic guided tours, lasting about 1½ hours, of medieval Jewish Lincoln, which start at Jew's Court. It is a fascinating part of the Jewish heritage and definitely worth the trip if you are visiting England.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Training course in jewelry design

Hatikvah quarter gets some aid

By
CAROL GREEN

TEL AVIV — Until quite recently, the only glow in Tel Aviv's impoverished Hatikvah quarter was from the electric lights that hang in the seedy cafes and steakiot (steak house) lining the district's main street.

Home to 15,000 people, most of them of Yemenite and North African origin, Hatikvah is often considered to be amongst the country's most disadvantaged areas. To many Hatikvah residents, the district's name, Hebrew for 'the hope' carries an ironic overtone.

Last year, however, a group of jewelry industry executives, ministry of labor officials and Project Renewal workers, initiated an innovative project that will bring new hope to Hatikvah. The result of their collaboration is the Jewelry Technical Centre of Israel, a non-profit vocational school to train workers for the jewelry industry and serve as an information clearinghouse and centre for research and design.

Opened last November in a downtown Hatikvah building that was formerly a municipal warehouse, the centre offers a 7-month training course in the fundamentals of jewelry design. This spring the centre initiated a seminar on metallurgy for master jewelers, taught by a professor from Haifa's Technion.

Director Zion Yazdi believes that the centre will help to spur revitalization of the neighborhood: "The Jewelry Technical Centre of Israel will be a national center for the jewelry industry. It will bring people from all over Israel and the world into Hatikvah. People will come here and see that Hatikvah has its positive aspects — that it is more than just another poor neighborhood."

And Yazdi has good reason to be optimistic for jewelry is one of Israel's fastest growing industries with exports having increased from $5 million to $150 million annually in only five years.

The centre is committed to training Hatikvah residents. Before the first group of students began in November, the centre conducted an aggressive recruitment drive to attract students from the neighborhood. "We papered the neighborhood with posters to announce the opening of the course and stuffed local mailboxes with flyers. I even got a computerized list of all of the recently demobilized soldiers living in Hatikvah and approached them all personally," says Yazdi.

The effort paid off, of the first class' 30 members eight are Hatikvah residents and many others come from similar districts. Yazdi is pleased with this ratio. "You can't force people to come. Jewelry manufacture is a highly specialized trade that just does not appeal to everyone," he explains.

Yazdi also points out that unlike its American counterparts, the Israeli jewelry industry isn't concentrated in one geographical location. "There is no 47th St. in Israel. Our students will work all over the country. Therefore it is appropriate that they should come from all over the country," he adds.

None of the members of the first graduating class had any previous training in jewelry manufacture. All were selected on the basis of an aptitude examination that evaluated them for finger dexterity, spatial perception and hand-eye coordination.

Despite the newness of the course, the program was flooded with applicants. "We had to turn away three candidates for every one we accepted," recalls Yazdi. Some of the applicants were wounded army veterans seeking retraining in a sedentary occupation. Yazdi hopes that in future the centre will include disabled students in its student body.

At the centre, students are introduced to all aspect of jewelry manufacture, including setting, soldering, model-making, polishing and casting. In order to gain familiarity with the tools of the trade, they first create their own designs in copper and brass, under the guidance of a master jeweler.

Still, the course only provides an introduction to the craft. "Here they learn the ABC," explains instructor Solomon Pinku. The Bucharest-born master jeweler brings to his students over half a century of experience. "I was born into the trade. As a boy, I used to do jewelry repairs," he recalls.

In Pinku's judgment, the training his students are receiving still does not compare to his own. "When I was learning the trade in Romania, we worked from 6 in the morning until 11 at night." His students study from 8 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon. Nonetheless, he is impressed by his students' ability and determination to learn. "I am proud of them. They show great potential."

At a jewelry manufacturers exhibition held in Jerusalem last February, JCTI displayed its students' work. "Several retailers, both from Israel and abroad, approached us about placing orders," says Yazdi, who hopes some day to see the school supporting itself through the sale of students' work.

The course is designed to meet industry demand. During the last six weeks of the course, the students intern at manufacturing plants where they are at last given the opportunity to work with gold and other precious metals. "We try to find each student a suitable job in the hope he will wish to continue working there after graduation," Yazdi says.

For many JTCI students, like Hatikvah resident Raya Tomashoff, the course is the first step toward acquiring a real profession. "Before I came to the course, I was a bakery worker. That does not require any skills," she says. "It is hard work, long hours and low pay."

Tomashoff, who came to Israel from the USSR, is excited about her new career. "When I finish the course, I want to find work in a large jewelry factory where I hope to learn as much as I possibly can," she says.

Other students have similar dreams. Yiftach Levy, aged 22, was brought up in a neighborhood similar to Hatikvah. A gifted painter, Levy would have liked to study art but with 10 children to support, his father, a municipal worker, was unable to pay for his son's studies.

Instead Levy's creative abilities are receiving a new outlet through jewelry-making. "I enjoy it. It allows me to use my imagination and my hand-eye coordination is improving," he says. Like Tomashoff, Levy wants to continue his training in a large factory and at a later stage to open his own shop.

Meanwhile, a new gold sparkle is helping to put the hope back into Hatikvah.

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat (left) and Bobby Klotz (right) from Project Renewal are given a tour of the Jewelry Technical Centre of Israel by its director Zion Yazdi (centre).

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BGU team works to aid quadriplegics

BEERSHEBA — Most people are unaware of the complexity of the mechanisms which enable them, without prior planning and without effort, to move their hands in order to lift a cup, to grasp a spoon or to turn a handle.

A discussion with Dr. Roger Nathan of the Mechanical Engineering Department of Ben-Gurion University, who is developing devices for activating the arms and hands of quadriplegics by transmission of electrical pulses, makes it clear how hard science must work in order to imitate the natural movements of the healthy body.

His work, carried out in conjunction with the Rehabilitation Unit of the Tel Hashomer Hospital, is aimed at improving the quality of life of people with spinal damage and reducing their dependence on others.

Nathan explains that a patient with paralyzed legs can move around with the aid of a wheelchair or a car with specially adapted gears. In his case, walking is a "luxury" but is not vitally essential for his self-sufficient existence.

However, the individual whose arms are paralyzed is totally and utterly dependent 24 hours a day on other people since he is unable to feed himself, operate a wheelchair, turn the pages of a book or even wipe his nose.

But, whereas the leg contains few muscles and the walking movement is relatively simple from the mechanical point of view, hand movements are highly complex and cannot be programmed in advance.

The hand and the arm have about 30 muscles and, for example, no less than eight of them are activated for the simple, everyday movement of lifting a cup.

The BGU team is one of the few groups in the world, and the only one in Israel, working on the activation of upper limbs of quadriplegics.

The basis for Nathan's practical work was the development of a mathematical model of the structure of the arm muscles, and the mapping of their basic movements so as to enable their reconstruction with the aid of a computer.

The activation is carried out by a computerized electrode system in which the electrodes are connected to stimulation points in the muscles.

Electrical impulses, imitating those of the brain, are then transmitted by programmed computer to each muscle taking part in the movement. The intensity of the current determines the force of the muscular contraction. In laboratory experiments on healthy people, between 20 and 24 muscles in the arm and hand have been stimulated.

Whereas other research groups are working with large electrodes, each of which stimulates one group of muscles, the Ben-Gurion University team has succeeded in producing very thin electrodes, each of which operates on a separate muscle so as to achieve complex and delicate movements.

The critical stage in the research commenced about two years ago when the focus of activity was transferred from the research laboratory to the Tel Hashomer Rehabilitation Unit, which treats some 90% of all Israelis with spinal damage.

Work is now being conducted in full collaboration with members of the unit's staff. Experiments are under way with eight suitable quadriplegic volunteers. In several cases grasping and opening movements of the hand, lifting of the arm and movement of the fingers have been achieved.

The first objective is to achieve a hand-to-mouth movement, which is of vital importance for the quadriplegic. It is hoped that at a later stage the system can be adapted for operation by spoken command of the user.

It is also necessary to program the computer to enable it to "decide" automatically which parameters are suited to each user because, as Nathan explains, each quadriplegic is unique, in terms of muscular condition and sensitivity and response to stimulus.

The team hopes to prepare, within two years, a prototype of a miniaturized (easy-to-operate), computer, which can be installed on the wheelchair.

Nathan completed his doctoral studies in biomedical engineering at the University of Manchester in 1973, with a PhD thesis devoted to auxiliary aids for the disabled and their biomechanical influence.

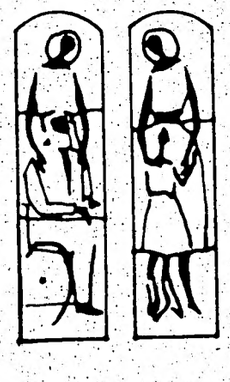
After a year's post-doctoral studies at the same university, he began to feel, he says, as if there were nothing new for him under the sun (or rather rain) of England and that he wanted to look for challenges elsewhere.

While on a visit to Israel, he made a brief stopover in Beersheba while traveling to Eilat, visited the University and was captivated by the atmosphere of vitality and enthusiasm.

After a short talk with a senior faculty member of the technology faculty he decided, on the spur of the moment, that this was the place for him. He spent his vacation in Eilat, returned to England to pack and came back to the Negev to head BGU's new laboratory for biomedical engineering. He is still the sole senior researcher there, aided by four graduate students.

Because of budgetary restaurants, the laboratory operates without technicians, and Nathan relates that from time to time, his team holds "sewing circles," cutting and preparing electrodes with their own hands.

Their work is funded in part by Operation Wheelchair, a British group which finances the purchase of auxiliary devices for Israel's war-wounded.



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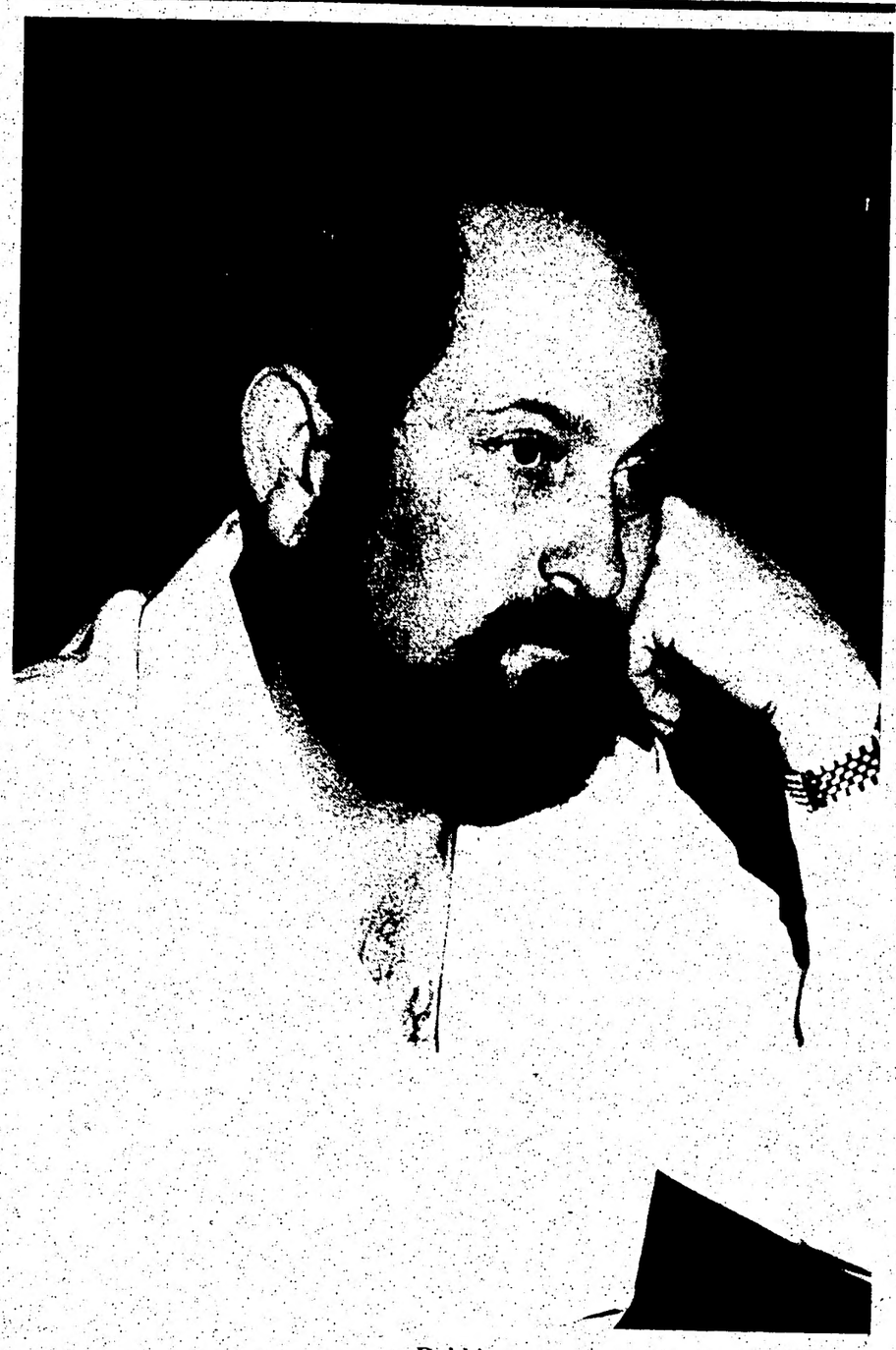

Rabbi
Menahem Hacohen

Labor Party chosen by Orthodox rabbi

By
HERB KEINON

JERUSALEM — Menachem Hacohen, 53, is an Orthodox rabbi, the scion of seven generation of rabbis and Torah scholars. Yet, since 1974, he has represented the non-religious Labor Party in the Knesset. He sees no contradiction.

"First of all," says Hacohen, who served as the rabbi of the moshav movement for years, "when looking for a political party I sought one most closely aligned with my political — not religious — convictions.

"True, if this party was anti-religious I could not have joined it. But Labor is not anti-religious. It is a Jewish party with a very positive attitude toward Jewish heritage.

"Secondly," he continues, "you can't influence anybody by closing yourself in your own little ghetto. I remember as a child going to synagogue and hearing the rabbi talk of the beauty and importance of keeping the mitzvot. So what did he accomplish?

"If you want to influence, if you want to change things then you have to talk with people who don't necessarily think like you."

As a religious Labor MK, Hacohen is uniquely positioned to be able to talk with both the religious and secular communities. "Although the religious establishment might disagree with me, they can't just ignore me, because I, too, am an observant Jew," he claims.

"And the secular community, which often pays no attention to what a religious party Knesset member says, is more likely to listen to me because they think that if I'm in Labor I must be all right, not a religious or political extremist."

And religious-secular communication, Hacohen says, is desperately needed. The gap between the two communities is widening, and animosity, he believes is building with each new road or cinema that the religious want closed and the secular want open on Shabbat. "When you reach a situation where one community doesn't want the other moving into their neighborhood, a situation that already exists in some areas, then you know you have problems," Hacohen warns.

The MK offers no easy solutions. He sees the problem as a battle between two different cultures, with no simple cure-all. But Hacohen feels that more dialogue and less legislation of religious law would bring Israelis closer to Judaism. And although he is against changing the status quo on religious issues (which among other things, prohibits public transportation in most cities on Shabbat), Hacohen is opposed to any further religious legislation.

"In fact," he comments, "when Israel was founded, they should have made a stronger separation between religion and the state. No one wants anything shoved down their throats."

Hacohen believes that secular Israelis would feel less hostile toward Orthodoxy if it was not identified with religious parties which, he says, are seen as either politically or religiously extreme. According to the MK, the anti-religious sentiments of many secular Israelis stems from a resentment of the tactics of the religious parties.

A recent poll taken in Israel confirms the rabbi's fears. In this poll, commissioned by the Gesher movement for a more tolerant Judaism, only 19% of the secular respondents answered favorably when asked, "What comes to mind when you think of an Orthodox person?" Twenty-five percent responded "opportunists, liars and charlatans," while another 22% thought in terms of extremism and coercion.

These are the attitudes that Hacohen is trying to combat. By working within the Labor Party, he is trying to break down the image of the Orthodox Jew as a right-wing, intolerant fanatic trying to force his way of life upon an unwilling majority. Hacohen is attempting to present the moderate face of Israeli Orthodoxy. In the wake of the survey, and for the sake of 'shalom bayit' (domestic peace), many are the Israelis who hope he will succeed.

לשנה טובה תכתבו

Tests theory of first grain grown

Archeologist questions findings in Jericho

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —

Hebrew University archeological Ofer Bar-Yosef seems anxious to bring the walls of Jericho tumbling down again.

For according to Prof. Bar-Yosef, what the late British archeologist Dame Kathleen Kenyon identified as a section of a Neolithic city wall — leading to Jericho's being billed as the world's oldest city — was actually part of a flood protection system used by farmers to control water flowing out of nearby wadis.

In fact, Bar-Yosef claims, if a full excavation of the site were undertaken, no continuation of this wall would be found on the eastern flank of Jericho.

Yet Jericho and other Jordan Valley excavations from the Neolithic period are extremely significant because, so the Hebrew University professor believes, they were among the first places in the world — perhaps even the first — where cultivated grain was grown.

Bar-Yosef is now testing his theory by digging up another Neolithic agricultural village 15 kilometres to the north, at Netiv Hagdud, named for the bordering Jewish settlement established after Israel assumed control of the area in 1967. Indeed, it was a bulldozer preparing the foundations for a reservoir to serve the new community that first uncovered evidence of its ancient predecessor.

At Netiv Hagdud, Prof. Bar-Yosef found carbonized grain which, according to Bar Ilan University archeobotanist Mordechai Kislev, is wild and cultivated barley. The fact that both types of grain (which date from 8200-7500 B.C.) were discovered at a single prehistoric site testifies to the transition from wild to cultivated barley which occured there some 10,000 years ago when, incidentally, rainfall was two to four times more plentiful than it is today.

The cultivated barley found at Netiv Hagdud was from an earlier period than that discovered anywhere else; cultivated wheat apparently also originated in the same general area and about the same time. By the Biblical era, it was clearly the country's staple food, as is reflected in the famous verse from Deuteronomy: "Man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live."

As it happens, modern researchers are very interested in the surviving specimens of wild wheat, which until this century were assumed to be extinct. It was only on June 18, 1906, that a young agronomist by the name of Aaron Aaronsohn found a single stock of it growing out of a crevice in a rock near the village of Rosh Pina in what was then Turkish Palestine.

Eventually that sample, and others which Aaronsohn found over the next two years in Syria and Transjordan, were recognized by the world scientific community as the "mother" of all cultivated wheat.

Aaronsohn and his contemporaries hoped to "borrow" characteristics from the wild wheat to improve cultivated varieties, but — presumably because breeding techniques were still very primitive at the time — they failed. Modern Israeli researchers, led by the Weizmann Institute's Moshe Feldman, have been more successful in their attempts to do the same thing.

Taking chromosomal segments from numerous types of wild wheat in fields only a few kilometres from where Aaronsohn stumbled upon that first stalk, Prof. Feldman and his colleagues have succeeded in developing new wheat lines that offer a yield as high as that of the best existing commercial ones, and, at the same time, contain three to 6% more protein.

The Weizmann Institute scientists are hoping that the remaining fields of wild wheat in this country will be carefully fenced off in order to preserve the grain in its pristine state, untouched by the agricultural revolution which began in Neolithic times at Netiv Hagdud and elsewhere in the Fertile Crescent.

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Gained confidence, encouragement

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Visitors amazed when architect speaks fluent Hebrew

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA –

Tourists being escorted on a visit around the Technion campus were often introduced to students encountered on the way. When they chanced upon Beda Amuli, the conversation went something like this:

"We'd like you to meet one of our architecture students, Beda Amuli."

"How do you do, Mr. Amuli. Where are you from?"

Amuli, with a smile on his face, would reply in fluent Hebrew, much to the astonishment of the visitor, for the student was a Black African. That was more than 25 years ago.

Twenty-year-old Amuli came from what was then Tanganyika, a UN trust territory under British mandate. Most of the local youth who went overseas to study made their way to Britain.

As his parents weighed the pros and cons, Beda made his application for a scholarship to the Technion, offered by the Israel foreign ministry. He was accepted.

Amuli arrived at the Technion in 1960 among the first of many hundreds of African students to follow. As a group, the young men did not have an easy time of it. They were intelligent, pleasant, studious, but had little social life, and the food was completely unlike anything they were accustomed to.

Beda was housed in the campus dormitory, and his roommate was Daniel Litwin, an American student from Michigan. The two helped each other.

Amuli spoke English and Swahili, but decided that he was going to master Hebrew, and master it he did. During his presence in Israel his country proclaimed its independence as Tanzania, and Amuli says one of his outstanding memories was when he was called upon to be master of ceremonies at a Tanzanian independence day ceremony organized by the Israel government, and he gave his first public speech in Hebrew.

Most of his time was devoted to his studies, however, and he achieved an excellent scholastic record. He graduated, and we lost track of him.

What happened to Beda Amuli, Tanzania's first Hebrew-speaking architect? We did some elementary detective work, established contact, and can now bring the story up to date.

A year before graduation he worked with a Tel Aviv firm which was engaged in building projects in Tanzania, and a year later he was appointed junior partner, resident in Dar es Salaam.

Recalling his early professional days, Amuli wrote to this reporter recently that his work with the Israelis gave him not only experience but also confidence and encouragement. He was treated with full respect. "This would not have been the case if I were to start with a British firm," he added.

"At the beginning of 1969 I broke the news to my senior partners that the time had come for me to start on my own practice, which would reflect my own image," he says.

Amuli, the first native-born Tanzanian architect, today heads a firm which has a staff of 22 and has been responsible for major construction projects in his country.

"Hebrew was not only my daily language when I was in Israel," he recalls, "but it also brought me many amusing experiences. On my return to Tanzania I had several Hebrew-speaking friends, especially with Solel Boneh and my senior partners." The occasional Israeli visitor is still amazed when Tanzania's distinguished architect addresses him in fluent and sabra-accented Hebrew!

As the first Tanzanian architect, he organized the Architectural Association of Tanzania and is its chairman.

"My Israeli background causes problems sometimes, especially with projects aided by Arab countries or Arab banks, but since I decided to leave politics to the politicians, it does not worry me much," he writes.

Amuli was married in 1965 and now has eight children, some of whom bear such names as Jonathan, David, Esther and Neema.

He treasures his relationship with his alma mater. "For 22 years I have been putting into practice what I learned in Israel, with hardly any holidays. If the Technion had means of monitoring my activities, they would feel proud."

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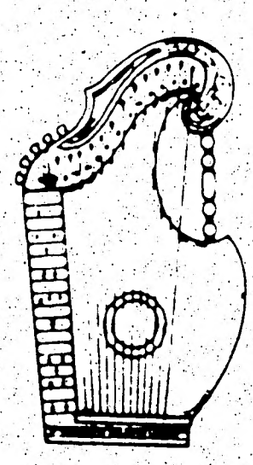
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Vigilant El Al security really knows the score

By
MARCEL STRIGBERGER

TORONTO —

I recently had the opportunity to fly to Israel via El Al. I was aware that the airline employed the ultimate in security measures including interrogation of passengers by El Al security personnel.

I did not realize, however, that these officials made an exhaustive study of the passenger list, snooping here and there to ensure that each and every passenger was who he claimed he was and that none was a member of the local branch of the Abu Nidal group.

My wife flew ahead of me a couple of weeks earlier and I was on my way now with my son to join her. El Al security men knew about this and more as they put me through a comprehensive quiz prior to allowing us to check through.

There were two men popping the questions. Actually one man did almost all the talking and the other just observed my son and me probably trying to detect an uneasy flutter of the eyes or ears which might suggest something sinister, perhaps that my son's toothbrush might readily convert into a submachine gun.

"Good morning sir," said the examiner. Have you heard from your wife yet?"

"How did you know she was gone?" I replied with a bit of surprise.

The man chuckled, "At El Al we have to know everything."

"She called me last week and said all was well," I replied.

"Did you remember to bring the jar of Nescafe she asked you to take along? he asked nonchalantly.

"Nescafe??? How do you know about the coffee?" I asked, scratching my head and feeling like I was talking to the amazing Kreskin.

The other character immediately made a note in his pad that the question made me scratch my head.

"No I did not bring the coffee. I simply forgot. It happens," I answered.

"Just like the time you forgot to bring the rings to your wedding?"

"I didn't forget the rings. I thought my brother had them," I answered defiantly, pointing my index finger.

The silent one, watching like a hawk, made a note of my pointing, probably sizing up whether or not my finger might qualify as a lethal weapon.

"And speaking of your brother, how is Jack these days?"

"Do you ask every one of your passengers all these questions," I asked incredulously.

"You want security, don't you?" he replied.

"That's true," I said, "but I'm not a terrorist, nor is my brother Jack who lives in California.

"Still at 755 San Remo Drive, Palo Alto?" he interrupted.

"I think so, I haven't written to him recently," I answered making a gesture of writing in the air.

The hawk noted my gesture and then looked up my sleeve to check for hidden fountainpen guns.

"Well don't bother writing to Jack at the San Remo address after the first of next month. He's just found himself another flat."

"Jack never told me he was moving.

"He wanted a place with a swimming pool," replied Kreskin.

He then looked at my son who was sporting a Blue Jays cap and he said to him," That was a great catch you made of that foul ball in the 5th inning at last Sunday's game.

My son's jaw dropped as he answered," Actually I missed that pop; it almost landed in my glove.

"Just testing you," the amazing one snapped back.

I was astounded. As the pair waved us through with flying colors I asked facetiously whether or not they knew if tonight's Blue Jays ball game would be rained out. The hawk took out an index card and handed it to the wizard who said, "It's going to stop raining in the late afternoon . . . and the Jays will beat Milwaukee 5 to 2."

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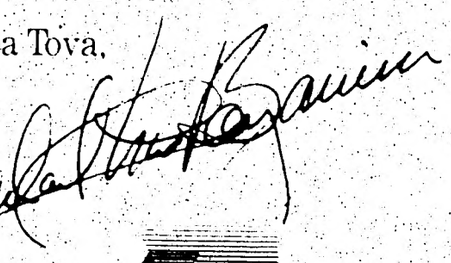

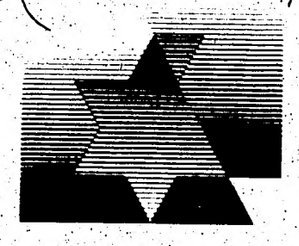

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Prisoners pose for graduation picture.

BGU project offers prisoners some hope

BEERSHEBA —

"One day my kid will come home from school and ask me what a logarithm is and I want to be able to answer him," says Prosper, 30, an inmate of Beersheba jail who has just completed his high-school finals in mathematics, history and Hebrew.

One of the 20 graduates of Ben-Gurion University's Community Action Unit educational program for prisoners, Prosper has now set his sights on a diploma in computer technology.

Iris Ben-Shabat, the BGU graduate who coordinates the program, says that she is keeping her fingers crossed that, equipped with a high IQ and strong motivation, he will succeed in making a new start.

The 20 prisoners who completed the course, all of them due to be released within a year or two, spent 25 hours a week poring over books with teachers recruited from local schools. The aim was to bring them up to 11th grade standard within 10 months.

Menashe, another of the prize pupils, passed with distinction in four subjects. A third-time offender, serving a 6-year sentence for drug offences, he left school in the middle of the third grade, never to return.

He admits that it was very difficult to study in a crowded cell without desk or reading lamp, but says: "I've learned from this program how to learn."

The graduates were awarded their diplomas in the prison courtyard by BGU rector, Prof. Avraham Tamir, as their proud parents, wives and children looked on.

"This program is a reflection of BGU's commitment to the community within which it is located," said Tamir.

"It is especially gratifying to help those who are making such great efforts to rehabilitate themselves."

Bat-Sheva Levi, head of the Community Actions Unit, expressed the hope that the diplomas would open up a new life and new hope for the graduates.

"Thank you for holding on and for not giving up hope even when the going was hard," she said.

The course was sponsored and supported by the International Sephardi Education Foundation, and educational supervision was provided by a Beersheba high school.

Soviet Jews use humor to cope with tensions

NEW YORK —

Soviet Jews have turned to humor to deflate the extraordinary tensions in their daily lives.

So says David Harris, deputy director of the International Relations Department of the American Jewish Committee, who, together with Israel Rabinovich, professor of Russian language at the Monterey Institute of Foreign Languages, has just published On a Lighter Note? Soviet Jewish Humor.

Some samples from the 10-page compilation:

Question: Why are there no Jewish cosmonauts?

Answer: The Soviet authorities are afraid they would never return.

* * *

"Chaim, what would you do if the borders were opened tomorrow?"

"I'd jump into the nearest tree."

"But why"

"So as not to be run over by the stampede."

* * *

Question: Do you know Chaim, the fellow who lives across from the prison?

Answer: Yes, but now he lives across from his house.

* * *

"My Chaim is such an anecdote teller," boasted Sarah. "A few years ago, he was sentenced to three years for just one anecdote. And last night he told an anecdote that was worth at least eight years!"

* * *

Question: What is the longest street in Odessa?

Answer: Bebelya.

Question: Why?

Answer: Because Abramovich went down it five years ago to KGB headquarters but still hasn't returned.

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Question: What's the definition of a Soviet string quartet?

Answer: A Soviet symphony orchestra that has just returned from a tour of the West.

* * *

Abram telephoned the KGB.

"Hello. Is that the KGB there? I wonder if by any chance a parrot has come to your office?"

"No."

"If he should come, I just want to let you know in advance that I don't share his political views."

* * *

Shortly after Abram left Kiev for a business trip to Eastern Europe, his friend back home received a telegram from Poland: Greetings from free Warsaw. Abram.

A few days later a second telegram, this one from Czechoslovakia, arrived: Greetings from free Prague. Abram. Several days passed before a third telegram from Hungary, came: Greetings from Free Budapest, Abram.

Then followed a long period of silence before the friend in Kiev received a telegram from Israel: Greetings from Jerusalem, free Abram.

* * *

And so on.

Adds Harris: "Few Americans realize how vital a role political humor plays as a commentary on society, and an emotional outlet for people behind the Iron Curtain.

"Deprived of opportunities for self-expression through the ballot box, the press, assembly or cultural forms, political humor becomes a treasured, if private means of conveying anger, frustration or criticism in an often hostile environment."

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Arab world puts effort into studying Hebrew

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

The press here gave little attention to a conference sponsored not long ago by the Centre for Hebrew Studies at Jarmuk University in Jordan. Aside from the usual discussion of political subjects, the conference also devoted considerable time to a review of internal affairs in Israel.

Papers were delivered on the status of the various political parties in the country, with an appraisal of their respective strength; on the legislative methods in Israel; on the nature of the Israel government, etc.

Making due allowance for the natural prejudices of the speakers, the information offered was a serious reflection of realities in Israel, albeit warped and twisted to suit preferred political theories. It was more than political propaganda however. It indicated a thorough study of life and institutions in Israel, through perusal of both press and official documents which could have been possible only through a comprehensive knowledge of the Hebrew language.

And indeed, the Arab world is today engaged in a major effort to advance their domestic study of Hebrew on a scale which might put to shame many Jewish communities in the Diaspora.

In Jordan the Centre for Hebrew Studies have been in existence for many years, and has already produced a number of scholars, fully proficient in Hebrew, who continue their academic studies in this field, but in service to Jordan's national interests.

Since the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt, Hebrew studies have taken a great leap forward in that country, and this with the cooperation of Israel. Academic and cultural relations between the two countries are not yet as fully developed as Israel had hoped, but the teaching of Hebrew along the Nile has increased markedly.

The Egyptian army has even produced a handbook, printed in Hebrew, for its soldiers stationed in advance posts. Only portions of the book are in Arabic, the purpose being to sharpen the Egyptian's knowledge of Hebrew.

Syria, too, is actively engaged in teaching Hebrew, on both the academic and military levels. The University of Damascus and the University of Aleppo both teach Hebrew as part of their standard academic program. The ranks of Syrians who know Hebrew is augmented to a considerable degree by Palestinians who learned Hebrew in Israel, and then put their knowledge at the disposal of the Syrian forces. Most of them are engaged in propaganda or intelligence activity.

Even Saudi-Arabia gets into the act, and offers courses in Hebrew within its military Institute of Languages.

One of the more immediate and practical uses of Hebrew in these countries is on radio and television. Egypt, Jordan and Syria beam Hebrew language broadcasts daily to Israel, offering their slanted version of the news, or providing political commentary along the lines to be expected.

The preparation of these programs, involving research, script-writing, scanning of the Israel press, translating and announcing, offers employment for a regular staff of Hebrew speakers and readers.

In none of the broadcasts do the announcers sound like Israelis; their accent is unmistakable Arabic, and the Israeli who happens to pick up one of these broadcasts by chance can be under no illusion as to the source of the propaganda directed at him.

It should be noted, parenthetically, that the accent of the broadcasters on the Soviet Union Hebrew programs beamed to Israel, on the other hand, is far better.

Almost 20 years ago a textbook entitled Hebrew Self-Taught was published in Beirut and has since gone through seven editions, with a circulation everywhere in the Arab world.

The introduction to that book is quite frank in the purposes it is intended to serve: "It should be no cause for surprise that under present conditions in the Arab world it is incumbent upon us to learn the enemy's language so that we may carry out the goals set by the Supreme Teacher (meaning Mohammed) when he commanded one of his friends to learn the language of the Jews. Success is in the hands of the Lord." In other words, the study of Hebrew becomes a holy mission.

A military commentator on Galai Zabal, the Israel Defence Forces radio station, noted wryly that if this is the attitude of the Arabs, how much more important is it for us: "a small island in an Arab world," to study Arabic. We can do no less than they in knowing the language of our neighbors, he said.

Arabic is indeed taught in most of the country's high schools, but much remains to be done to popularize it. In the early pioneering days almost every Jew was nearly as much at home in Arabic as in Hebrew. There are many sound reasons, as important in peace as in time of hostility, why the Israelis of today should be proficient in Arabic.

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Israel president's home filled with visual delights

By
ELINOR MALUS

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

One of the more surprising things about the Israeli President's house Beit Hanasi and working complex is its location. Another is its artwork.

The 3-storey white stone structure is situated in Jerusalem's finest residential district, Talbieh. When it was first built, in 1972 there were fields surrounding the area and it was quite isolated. That, however, is no longer the case as the President's residence can now be found in the midst of neighboring apartment buildings and is almost indistinguishable until one nears the ironwork gates.

The complex can be approached by foot, public transport or car, at least to the guard house situated outside the gates. From there, access to the inner sanctum is not so easy. "We're not a very open house," said one staff member. There are no public tours offered and other than from the sidewalk, there is no way of getting a look at the residence of the President of the State of Israel.

But many people do see the house — about 6,000 a month. Some are state visitors with their delegations, like the late Anwar Sadat of Egypt or former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Others are citizen groups from abroad such as Mormons or Japanese, both admirers of Israel. There are also journalists, congresses, missions and occasional movie stars, as well as groups of Israeli schoolchildren who are treated to a special tour.

On first entering the complex from the guard house, which is furnished with modern electronic security equipment, one is struck by the beauty of the grounds. The landscaping includes sumptuous flower-filled gardens, 50 olive trees transplanted from the Judean Hills and a number of sculptures.

The part of the complex closest to the main entrance consists of two floors of offices and a third floor, in which the President and his wife reside. The house is "a fairly economically run place" with 40 staff members including the housekeepers, maintenance people and secretaries.

One's first glimpse of the art inside the complex starts with Ya'acov Agam's Jacob's Ladder which runs along the wall of the main staricase in the office section. Looking like an elongated accordion, its bright colors, characteristic of Agam, start in tones of yellow and blue and move through the color spectrum to orange and brown and end brilliantly in green, red and purple.

The area around the second floor landing (lit naturally with sunlight from large windows), carpeted in blue, with white walls, forms an excellent backdrop for six Agam works lent by him two years ago. Among them are a Star of Peace mirror, a mirror with bright colored circles superimposed on the glass, a tapestry and an eighteen-armed candelabra.

All the artwork in the President's House was commissioned by the architect Abba El Chanani and his advisors. Each piece had to be reviewed and authorized by a group including the landscape architect, gardener, interior designer as well as Chanani himself. The pieces were either donated by the artist or presented by various "kind friends."

The President's office on the second floor, is also crammed with visual delights. The most outstanding is a tapestry by Mordechai Ardon called The Source. Ardon is a chassidic Jew and modern artist whose tapestry represents a search for the divine. Its main colors, red and green, vividly illustrate an old legend about the heart and the well and which feeds which.

One table in the office is covered with framed photographs of visitors. There is one from the first Chaim, Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first president, to the incumbent president Chaim Herzog.

Herzog's secretary's office, leading into his, houses trophies, keys to various cities, medals awarded and portraits of the five presidents before Herzog: Chaim Weizmann, Yitzhak Ben Zvi, Zalman Shazar, Ephraim Katzir and Yitzhak Navon.

Official visitors enter the reception hall not through the office area, but directly from the garden, through two immense bronze doors with moulded images of doves, lions and menorahs designed by Shraga Weil of Kibbutz Ha-Ogen.

The hall is the ceremonial heart of the complex and gives a feeling of space, light and air. It is large, windowed and sparsely furnished. There is a grand piano. Cases display artifacts and, again, there are sculptures and wall hangings.

Even the floor, ceiling and one of the windows are works of art. The mosaic floor tiles come from Kibbutz Eilon and the floor pattern is reminiscent of ancient mosaics. The stained glass windows by Reuven Rubin picture Bible stories: Elijah's ascending fiery chariot; Jacob struggling with an angel and David with his harp, going to Jerusalem.

Naftali Bezem's ceiling is done in 63 large self-contained squares that combine, in sombre colors going from dark to light, to illustrate and commemorate the illegal immigration to Israel during the 1930s and 40s, a period he himself lived through.

On one wall is a Moshe Castel mural done in blues and greys called Wall of Praise to Jerusalem that recalls the Western Wall. On another hangs a tapestry by Moshe Tamir, a tryptych showing the Commandments, Jerusalem United and A Light Unto the Nations.

Fascinating as well are the objects on display. Three glass cases contain museum pieces: pottery from the Citadel of Arad, first temple period; jewelry with silver coins and beads; ceremonial objects in ornate silver. Near one window, opposite the entrance doors, is a pedestal holding a Scroll of the Law given originally to Czar Nicholas in 1904. From Richard Nixon, former United States president, is a tiny Israeli flag with an authentic piece of the moon collected on a space flight.

One of the most beautiful gifts is a 16th century blue and green hanging synagogue lamp from North Africa inscribed in Hebrew and Arabic. It had been taken by the Nazis as booty and subsequently bought in 1959, in Cologne, by Rabbi Zvi Azarva Helfgut of Savyon who donated it to Israel on the 30th birthday of the State.

The garden is visible from the ground floor reception hall windows. Past the fragment of moon rock, in the rear gardens, sits another Agam work. It is called A Hundred Gates and is kinetic so can be moved into hundreds of different positions. Busts of the five previous residents of Beit Hanasi, as well as one of Theodor Herzl, can be seen from the front windows beside the main bronze doors, seemingly watching over the house.

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"You'll never make a living"

"Crazy" farmer proves critics wrong with herbs

By JONATHAN TOMMER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)—

"Crazy," jeered farming neighbors when two years ago Yoram Ben Herut (Hori) from Moshav Alon HaGalil near Nazareth declared that he was going to grow hyssop. "You'll never make a living selling herbs," they said.

But Hori proved his sceptics wrong. Today he has won established markets throughout Israel and there is a growing demand for his herbal blend which forms a staple spice in middle eastern cuisine.

In preparation for expanding production, the Jewish National Fund will level and prepare hilly rocklands at Alon HaGalil for a new building site to accommodate a modern packing station. Some 23 farming families inhabit the pioneering community at present, although it is slated to accommodate 80 families.

Established with the support of British Jewry, most residents joined Alon HaGalil from veteran Galilee kibbutzim and moshavim and now make a living grazing sheep, milk cows and ewes, as well as by cultivating flowers for export to Europe. Several families also earn their livelihood in salaried professional employment outside the village.

Hyssop (Marjorana Syriaca), which is also known by its Moroccan name Manakish, has grown wild throughout Israel since biblical times. The rare, bitter tasting herb thrives exclusively in Israel's Jerusalem Hills, the Galilee and Samaria as well as in Lebanon and Syria. The Bible refers to the herb in a psalm which King David wrote to his mistress Batsheva: "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow" (psalm 51:9).

In Islamic societies hyssop constitutes a traditional staple winter diet, when liberally spread on freshly-baked bagel rolls (pita) dipped in olive oil. According to Arab folklore hyssop has therapeutic benefits and a potion of dried, finely crushed leaves is said to cure aches, pains and rheumatic fevers. In rustic communities children were served hyssop tea before setting off to school, to stimulate their memories!

Modern-day Middle Eastern societies use hyssop to prepare zatyr, a spice blend made from chopped sesame seed, wheat, parsley, chick-peas, salt, elm-leaved sumac, soya oil and lemon. Says Hori:

"Hyssop can be sprinkled practically on everything — salads, fried eggs, grilled fish, gourmet cheeses, roast meats and barbecue steaks."

In 1979, when authorities discovered that due to unrestricted picking, the rare perennial herb was in danger of disappearing, hyssop came under the protection of the Israeli wildlife laws. To satisfy local Arab demands, agronomists conducted a 3-year experimental research program to improve the popular Kavrakoli strain for intensive commercial cultivation and in 1982 Hori received the first batch of 5,000 hyssop seedlings, yielding four bonanza harvests annually.

Haifa-born Hori, 37, never gave serious thought to growing hyssop in commercial quantities until in 1981, when his father, Ze'ev Ben Herut, a former agricultural instructor for the Judea and Samaria districts, persuaded him that the herb was a "certain winner" with Israel's Arab citizens.

Six years later Hori's initiative paid dividends. Today he has a thriving partnership which he carefully built up with his neighbor 36-year-old Amit Dayan, formerly of Kibbutz Yehiam on the Lebanese border.

Amit is an economics graduate from Haifa University and he manages the technical side of the business while Hori, with a flare for public relations, manages sales and marketing. Hori's wife Mira, a trained occupational therapist, manages the packing station as well as correspondence and accounts.

The costs of processing Israeli hyssop is lower because the herb is dried naturally in the open air. Harvesting occurs during the dry months, April to October when the hyssop is cut and left out to dry in the open fields for 48 hours. A combine harvester separates the 50 cm long stalks from their tiny leaves which are then stack-piled under thick plastic sheeting and left in the field for another 10 days.

The hyssop is grown under agricultural license by farmers in neighboring moshav villages. Each ear, hundreds of tons of wild hyssop plants are harvested round the country and transported to the processing station at Moshav Alon HaGalil, where they are blended with other herbal ingredients into zatyr and attractively packed in 100 gram triangular cardboard containers for the consumer market. Larger, one kilogram packets are also packaged in plastic bags for export to Jordan.

Hori and Amit annually produce some 300 tons of hyssop (40 acres of green hyssop yield about 70 tons of dried leaves). They began marketing their zatyr blend only this year and it proved an immediate "best seller."

Since January orders have leaped from 3,000 to 40,000 units and orders are pouring in from all over the country. "Our zatyr is literally snatched off the shelves," exclaims Hori. "People search for it in groceries and supermarkets and the message is swiftly passed on by word of mouth."

To promote their product, Hori has heavily invested in market surveys and massive advertising. He comes up with most of the ideas, a Haifa graphic artist translates them into designs and a Tel Aviv marketing firm promotes them. Alon HaGalil's biblical wonder herb was also the subject of an Israel Television news report and L'Isha, the popular Israeli women's newsweekly ran a feature story on the spice.

Hori and Amit recently signed a major contract with Strauss, Israel's leading cheesemaking industry, to promote a soft cheese battered in Alon HaGalil's hyssop blend, and marketed under their glossy zatyr label. A Jaffa bakery is also sprinkling their zatyr blend on the traditional Arab bagel.

South African volunteer from Moshav Alon HaGalil displays their hyssop blend.

The breakthrough into the Israeli Jewish market is slowly advancing. Sephardi Jews from Arab countries are familiar with hyssop, though European Jews are also being hooked on to the product. Hori's unconventional packaging isolates his product from the routine bottled range of imported herbs sold by established firms such as Tnuva, Blue Band and Mata.

"Buying Alon HaGalil hyssop means investing in the future of a local Galilee industry and supporting a genuine biblical home-grown Israeli spice. It's a matter of reeducating public tastes," he says confidently. "But we're getting there."

To arouse public interest in their hyssop blend, Hori has advertised for winning recipes using zatyr and these have been published in a booklet included in every promotional sample.

Having captured the Israeli market Hori and Amit are setting their sights on the European and North American scene, where successes are promised with emigre Lebanese and Syrian communities. Hyssop is not grown in Europe or America and the rare herb is a great favorite with health food stores.

Hori will soon acquire from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration permission to export the product to America, and he has plans to extend his markets to Australia and the Far East. If the success of hyssop in Israel is anything to go by, it looks as if Hori and Amit are going to take world markets by storm.

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Silver amulets provide key to ancient text

TEL AVIV — The oldest biblical text ever found — over 2,600 years old — has been deciphered from faint scratchings on two silver amulets dating from the 7th century BCE.

The amulets were discovered in a first temple burial cave overlooking Jerusalem's Hinnom Valley in the course of a 1979 archeological excavation under the supervision of Gabriel Barkay of Tel Aviv University's Sonia and Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology.

In late 1982, the name of God, "Jehovah," was identified on the amulets. After further years of effort, the priestly benediction from Numbers 6:24-26 has now been deciphered with the aid of drawings by an Israeli Museum draughtswoman.

The benediction reads: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace." The smaller of the two amulets contained an abridged version of the benediction, with the last two blessings contracted together.

According to Barkay, the amulets, which were rolled up so that a string could be placed through them to wear on the body, constitute the first known written record of biblical passages from the time of Jerusalem's first temple, which was destroyed by the armies of Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzer in 586 BCE.

The passages are also the earliest known text matching the masoretic biblical text used today. Heretofore the earliest known biblical passages appeared in the Dead Sea Scrolls, which are dated at some time in the 3rd century BCE.

The priestly benediction appears in the Bible as the blessing that terminates the sacrificial activity of the priests in the temple, or in the tabernacle in the desert, as in the Book of Numbers. Now it seems that it was used for amuletic objects.

Barkay believes that the tiny silver amulets might be the forerunners of what are known today as tefillin or phylacteries (the small leather boxes containing scriptural texts which observant male Jews wear on the forehead and left arm during morning prayers) — "before the contents and shape of that object were crystallized in later Judaism."

Noting that such a discovery would be of immense importance to a knowledge of the history of this religious object, he adds that the main source for his hypothesis is the mention of an object called "the phylactery made of silver" in the Aramaic language in a papyrus found in Upper Egypt dating back to a period between the silver amulets and the earliest known phylacteries, which date from the second temple period.

Contemplating the fact that the biblical passage recently deciphered spans a period of over 2,600 years, Barkay says: "The same text that we read today in synagogues, the same text with which a grandfather blesses his grandchild, the same text with which the descendants of the priestly tribe bless the congregation in synagogues today, or at the Western Wall — this same text was used in Jerusalem 2,600 years ago.

"This is something that has more than symbolic meaning," he concludes, "it has deep psychological importance."

The findings from Barkay's excavation — which in addition to the two silver amulets include over 1,000 objects from diffuse historical periods — are currently on display at the Israel Museum, where they will remain until November.

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Making cultural contacts

Israel uses dancers for diplomats

By
HELEN HILL

JERUSALEM (WZPS)—

This year dancers are leading the diplomats, as Israel makes cultural contacts with countries not yet formally friendly to the state.

In March, the Bat Dor Dance company went on an unprecedented tour of Poland — which has had no diplomatic relations with Israel since 1967 — giving performances in Warsaw, Lodz and Gdynia. The Bat Sheva dancers were to perform there later this year and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra has been invited to follow.

"When an Israeli group appears in a place like the Great Theatre of Warsaw, it reaffirms the legitimacy of the state," comments Barry Swersky, general-manager of Bat Dor. "Whether they attend performances or not, the Polish leadership know about it and that's significant."

Tours such as these are just one aspect of a flourishing export "trade" in cultural activities. They accomplish a great deal for Israel in terms of goodwill and friendship, often paving the way for more concrete economic and diplomatic connections.

Even a minor event like the exhibition of Life and Art in Israel, which toured India for two months last year, can be a valuable public relations exercise in a country which has a poor political relationship with the Jewish state.

While crossing political barriers can be an effect of Israel's cultural exchange activities, it is far from being their main motive. Like performers in any country in the Free World, most Israeli groups go abroad mainly for exposure to new audiences; to meet other performers on a people-to-people basis, regardless of national background, and to keep up-to-date with developments in their particular field.

"Tours abroad are important for enriching the internal art activities in Israel," says Avner Shalev, chairman of the Public Council for Culture and Arts. "At the same time they show off the high standard of cultural life in our small country. A good part of the world doesn't know anything about Israel."

Over the years, Israel has signed bilateral cultural agreements with some 30 countries to achieve cultural cross-fertilization. There are also several independent groups, such as the American-Israel Cultural Foundation, the British-Israel Arts Foundation and the Central Institute for Cultural Relations between Israel and Latin America, that give an important boost to the cultural image of Israel in their countries by arranging and sponsoring different events.

Every year dozens of groups go ahead with the blessing, if not the financial backing, of the government of Israel, which can only allocate a very small amount for the arts budget. The ministry of education and culture encourages artistic interchange in Israel and abroad, but its subsidies for traveling Israeli groups do not amount to much once travel costs and taxes are paid.

The Bat Dor Dance Company of Israel in a production entitled Implosion.

The foreign ministry, through its cultural and scientific division, is also concerned with sending Israeli culture to the world. It does what it can in practical terms, like making contact with foreign government cultural departments and involving Israeli embassies abroad but it too can provide only a token financial contribution.

In spite of the financial burden, a good many Israeli performers, from the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra to youth group choirs, go on tour each year to show the best of Israeli culture. The IPO, undoubtedly the most distinguished goodwill ambassador for the state, regularly tours to all parts of the globe: under the baton of Maestro Zubin Mehta with some of the most distinguished musicians of the age as soloists.

The orchestra, 50 years old this year, made its first tour abroad — to Egypt with Toscanini conducting — just two weeks after its inception and hasn't stayed still since. In 1985 alone the IPO started off in Spain and went on to highly praised tours of West Germany, Japan, the U.S. and Canada with works by Israeli composers, Ben Chaim, Yosef Tal and Zvi Avni in its repertoire.

On a smaller scale, the Israel Chamber Orchestra is showing off Israeli talent this year on a tour of four European countries. The Israel Sinfonietta-Beersheba performed in Spain last year and the Haifa Youth Orchestra, the Rinat Choir and the Tel Aviv Philharmonic Choir are other groups that have been well-received on foreign tours.

In the dance field Israeli groups have made an impact internationally ever since the Inbal Troupe, based on Yemenite heritage, pioneered a new language in dance. The Bat Dor and Batsheva Dance companies tour regularly and the Kibbutz Dance Company has received praise in the New York Times.

"There's been a fantastic development in dance in the last few years," says Malka Ben-Yosef, acting head of the foreign ministry's cultural and scientific division. "It's amazing, because dance culture was not developed in the beginning of the state. There was no classical dance background here."

Cultural connections come easily in the folk realm, with Israeli groups participating in many folk festivals abroad. Last February, a group from the Israeli Arab village of Baka al-Gharbiya, representing Israel, took gold and silver awards at a Festival of Folk Dance in Sicily.

Israeli theatre has suddenly surged ahead as a cultural export. With simultaneous translation overcoming the language barrier and a new breed of talented Israeli playwrights writing on basic universal themes, Israeli groups have begun to make an impact abroad.

The Cameri Theater took Hanoch Levin's black comedy The Suitcase Packers to Britain last year to mostly favorable reviews from hard-to-please critics. The Haifa Municipal Theater, with a reputation for originality, was the first Israeli group to appear at the main Edinburgh Festival with Yehoshua Sobol's Soul of a Jew and played his The Ghetto to packed audiences in West Germany. The group will perform in Chicago and Washington later this year. The Habimah National Theatre made its mark in Canada at a theatre festival in Quebec in June.

When it comes to the creative arts, Israel has a high standard with many talented people, but is financially limited in showing a presence. "I must admit that the government can put only a small sum of money into presenting works of art in Europe," says Avner Shalev.

According to Aviv Briskman of the foreign ministry's cultural affairs division, Israel tries to participate in important events like the Venice Biennale, this year in June, where there is an Israeli pavilion.

Israeli artists have been shown in Sao Paolo and a small exhibition of graphics circulated throughout the United States with others in South America. A major exhibition of Israeli art took place in Antwerp recently and may go on to other European cities. The highlight for Israeli culture will surely be an exhibition of archeological artifacts from the Israel Museum going to the Metropolitan Museum in New York later this year.

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Strollers and shoppers mingle with diners and people-watchers on Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Mall.

Ben Yehuda St. still capital's social heart

By
DONNA SCHATZ

JERUSALEM (WZPS)—

It's still the hot spot for crowds, the road for rendezvous, and a place to scout out both the familiar and the off-beat. Although facades — and traffic patterns — have changed in recent years, Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda St. remains the social heart of the country's capital.

Today, a broad section of Ben Yehuda — slanting upward from Hahistadrut St. to Zion Square, and joined by intersecting streets — is off-limits to autos. The stretch of traffic-free turf is popularly called the Ben Yehuda Mall or Midrehov — a combination of the Hebrew words sidewalk and street.

It is the site of two of Jerusalem's most time-honored traditions celebrated in street and cafe: the early Friday afternoon break between work and Shabbat, and Saturday evening's release from the city's rigorously observed day of rest.

The cafes that line Ben Yehuda St. are booming with business. Uri Greenspan, the third generation owner of the Atara Cafe, is pleased with the turnout, much of which he attributes to the Midrehov. His initial fears of crime and litter allayed, he enjoys the mall's ambience and the vitality it brings to central Jerusalem.

And, whether you're walking or pushing your way thropugh Saturday night throngs down the mall, sitting under a tree or safely taking it all in from the sidelines of a cafe, the panorama is indeed pluralistic. There's the old newspaper vendor on the intersection of Hillel and Ben Yehuda hawking his journals, soldiers patroling in trios, children trading old schoolbooks for ready cash, and bi ubiquitous greeting card designers and jewelry artisans.

There are also musicians, like Charles from Australia who, with his guitar and open case for coins, performs on the mall. The police, he says, are pleasant and don't stop the crowds that gather around him to dance.

Another entrepreneur has found a quieter niche on Ben Yehuda. For anything from five to 10 shekels, Andreas from Ramat Gan will read your Tarot. Barefoot, suspenders holding up new blue jeans, Andreas sprawls out on an orange lace tablecloth, his well-worn Tarot cards spread before him. Will Andreas be back tomorrow? "If a tree doesn't fall on me," he answers in a slow staccato voice.

If one's spiritual yearnings are still not satisfied, there'sd tall, blond Elijah, wearing a long white robe and red sash and carrying a black bible and attache case. For those not eager to be told his truth, preferring more worldly contentment, Ben Yehuda and the streets spiralling from it, abound with pizza, humous, blintzes and ice-cream sundaes.

Still, it's not just the food, or shops, that draw. The Ben Yehuda Mall is jammed because Jerusalemites want to see each other — and everyone else as well.

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An artificial lake created within the 17,500 acre Timna Desert Park, north of Eilat, is surrounded by breathtaking scenery.

Tourist site development launches greening of Negev

By
YONATHAN TOMMER

BEERSHEBA (WZPS) — Far from world headlines, Israel's arid-zone Negev has been experiencing a development momentum that promises to open up desert wonders to unprecedented local tourism.

The Negev constitutes some 60% of Israel's land area, yet encompasses only 10% of the country's population. Many of its inhabitants are scattered across dozens of rural communities, earning a livelihood off the land through advanced farming and manufacturing techniques.

Now, 100 years after the birth of Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, his historic vision for the Negev desert is becoming reality. Through its twin greening activities in rolling back the desert and conserving scenic wilderness, the Jewish National Fund, in cooperation with government and other national agencies, is playing an important role in providing vital recreational opportunities for improved 20th century lifestyles.

One recent project centres on the isolated central Negev township of Mitzpe Ramon, known for years as the "last stop" on the road to Eilat. Here, truck drivers would freshen up and grab a fast bite before continuing on the hazardous, 60-mile descent through the moon-like strata of the Ramon crater to the Arava Valley.

Mitzpe Ramon's fortunes changed for the worse when, in 1962, an alternative route via Sodom, on the southern tip of the Dead Sea, was inaugurated to the Gulf of Eilat. But a kiss of life came with the Israel Defence Forces' redeployment in the region following the peace treaty with Egypt and withdrawal from Sinai in 1982. Since then the winding road into the silent crater has been significantly improved and Mitzpe Ramon has recovered its strategic position on a highway spanning Israel's rugged border with Egypt.

Despite the perennial problems of its existence, Mitzpe Ramon is a growing regional township today, built on a plateau almost 3,000 feet above sea-level. Because of its fair, dry climate year-round, as well as nearby natural wonders and historic sites, the town is ideally located for popular tourism and health resorts.

Focusing on its spectacular attractions, the JNF recently completed a half-mile long, scenic-cliff promenade along the northwest edge of the world-famous Ramon crater, several hundred feet from the township. Buttressed by protective stone walls for the safety of young and old alike, the promenade features three exhilarating view-points from where visitors can peer into the 4.5 billion year-old granite chasm eroded by wind and water to a depth of 1,600 feet.

A 5-acre woodland has been planted at the township's northern entrance where a municipal recreation park will be established to serve the leisure-hour needs of Mitzpe Ramon's 4,000 residents. Advanced work is currently in swing for a zoological park, Hai Ramon, featuring a walk-in aviary and exhibits of mammals, birds-of-prey, rodents and nocturnal species.

Future activities call for extending the promenade to a recently established visitors' information centre and nearby Mitzpe Kochavim. Plans also include the creation of a man-made oasis and recreational area equipped with sheltered picnic alcoves, as well as a safari-style trail along the 25-mile long crater floor, rich in fossils, flora and fauna.

Another recent example of greening the Negev wilderness is Sapir Park, a 10-acre recreational beauty spot not far from Moshav Ein Yahav in the central Arava. Tucked behind a sand dune off the Sodom-Eilat road, Sapir Park features a 1-acre artificial fishing lake fed by two fresh water thermal springs, grassy lawns, sheltered picnic alcoves and a variety of shade trees and bulrushes.

The lake, which forms a natural drainage basin for the springs, is kept clean and fresh by a pumping station which pipes the filtered water over a cascading waterfall and back into the pool. Plans also speak of seeding it with St. Peter's trout. The springs were discovered eight years ago when construction sites being prepared at the nearby municipal regional centre, Mercaz Sapir, became waterlogged.

Timna Park

Development of the park is a joint project of the JNF, Arava Regional Council and the government Tourism Development Co. Commercial development includes establishing a desert hiking centre at the site to sponsor camel and horseback safaris across the region's saline topography and canyon-like valleys. The park serves some 2,500 local farming residents and provides a refreshing stop-off for visitors en-route to Eilat.

Preparing tourism infrastructure is an aspect of land reclamation and tree planting activities in Israel, especially in the south. Timna Desert Park, just north of Eilat, is a pathblazer in this field, combining desert ecology with diversified leisure-time facilities and expanded—employment opportunities for inhabitants of local farming communities.

Timna Park encompasses 17,500 acres of rugged beauty packed with breath-taking scenery, mind-boggling geological formations, rare desert wildlife and treasured archaelogical findings dating from 6000 BCE to the Pharaonic era.

A 6-foot deep, 4-acre artificial lake has appeared in the heartland of this roving wilderness created recently by the JNF. The lake, equipped with popular bathing, boating and fishing facilities, is part of a multi-million dollar development project undertaken jointly with local and government agencies to open the Arava to mass tourism, currently estimated at 250,000 overseas and local visitors annually.

A visitors' information centre, lecture hall and panoramic amphitheatre are also planned for the tourist complex. Eventually an archeological museum to house Timna's treasures, a restaurant, a half-mile long cable car and parking grounds will also be installed at the site.

Clearly marked hiking and horseback and camel trails will criss-cross through Timna's dolomite limestone cliffs and deep ravines. Neighboring Kibbutz Elifaz has been adopted Timna's caretaker and a young team of residents is responsible for supervising the Park's expanding facilities.

Tourism projects, a welcome addition to the JNF's classic land reclamation and afforestation activities, are also symbolized by Eshkol Park near Ofakim in the northwest Negev and the Lahav and Yatir Forests north of Arad and Beersheba. Each year, new sections are planted on the perimeter of these expanding veteran woodlands, whose recreation facilities have since become municipal forest backyards for Beersheva's 150,000 urban inhabitants, as well as for residents of surrounding rural towns.

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Founders' dream a reality

Music school spells success

By
CAROL GREEN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — From its modest beginnings in a suite of rented classrooms, where a handful of students came for afternoon music lessons, the Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music has become an institution of international repute and a centre of cultural life in Jerusalem and all of Israel.

The rented classrooms have been replaced by two campuses, one in downtown Jerusalem and a second recently opened building on the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus. The student body now numbers close to 1,500, ranging from elementary and high-school-aged students who still come for afternoon music lessons, to adults preparing for professional careers.

The academy offers instruction in all instruments as well as choral and orchestral conducting, composition, classical and modern dance and voice. It also offers workshops in electronic music and opera and is the only music school in Israel with a jazz department.

The founders of the academy envisioned an institution where serious musicians could train without having to leave Israel to complete their studies. Today, their dream is a reality. In less than half a century, the Rubin Academy has educated a generation of musicians and dancers.

Among them are Moshe Efrat, founder of Kol U'Demama, a unique dance company combining deaf and hearing dancers; cellist Micha Haran and Dalia Atlas, one of the world's few female conductors. Already, several of the alumni have returned to the academy to train the next generation.

Thought training professionals was always an important goal, the academy has always reached out to the public at large. Throughout the academic year, the academy sponsors a weekly series of free concerts given by students and instructors. Academy students also perform at nursing homes, hospitals and schools across Israel.

The academy also sponsors an annual Summer Music and Dance Program. Now in its 28th year, this widely acclaimed program invites guest artists from abroad to give master classes. The courses regularly attract hundreds of music students and teachers from all over Israel. Over the years, the guest artists have included dance pioneer Martha Graham, who opened the first course, former Metropolitan Opera star Jennie Tourel and pianist Vlado Perlmutter.

Also attached to the academy is a children's conservatory. Several hundred children between the ages of 6 and 17 travel from all sections of Jerusalem to the conservatory where they receive after-school instruction in music and dance.

Recently, the children's conservatory initiated a special project to identify and attract gifted students who would not normally come to the conservatory. In several school districts in Jerusalem, children are tested for musical ability. Those found to have talent are invited to the conservatory as scholarship students.

The academy also sponsors a unique musical high school, where students combine studies in music and dance with a rigorous academic program.

The Rubin Academy itself places a strong emphasis on music education. Formally recognized as an institution of higher learning, the academy offers Bachelor's degrees in music and music education and just this year received the right to grant the degree of Master of Arts in music. Many of its graduates go on to become teachers of music and dance.

Last fall, the school moved into a spacious new home on the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus. It now occupies a sleek white building which vaguely resembles an upside down pyramid. The building which formerly housed the university's school of social work, underwent extensive renovation to accommodate its new purpose.

Directing the renovation was Prof. Ami Maayani, a composer and member of the academy's faculty as well as a trained architect. Maayani supervised the soundproofing of the building and the construction of the academy's concert hall.

The Givat Ram building has also become the new home for the academy's museum of musical instruments. In the early days of the state, academy founder Yocheved Dostrovksy contacted Israel's consuls and ambassadors abroad and asked them to bring back musical instruments from the countries where they were stationed. In this way, the academy acquired an impressive collection of Asian and African folk instruments.

Recently the Rubin Academy added another unusual "instrument" to its collection — an alumni harp which plays by itself in the wind. Entitled Kinnor Shin, the harp is the work of the American sculptor Charna Rickey. It is currently the only one of its kind in the world.

Rickey received her inspiration for the harp in a dream. The image of a silver harp playing by itself in the wind came to her and would not leave. When she later learned that according to talmudic legend, King David had a similar dream, Rickey decided to bring the Kinnor Shin to Israel. Through her efforts, it now stands outside the entrance to the academy's new Givat Ram building.

The academy plans to continue its expansion. It has acquired an adjacent site on the Givat Ram campus. Today, that land is still part of the hillside, but the academy hopes to build on it a centre for the study of dance and creative movement.

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The popular "mifletzet," or monster, in Kiryat Hayovel is both a sculpture and a fascinating plaything for Jerusalem's children.

Modern art provides Jerusalem contrast

By
YITZCHAK DINUR

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — All Jerusalem children love the black, white and red monster in the city's western suburb of Kiryat Hayovel.

The 2-storey concrete "mifletzet" has a cave space and sand pit at ground level, with stairs inside leading to a mouth, down whose three long tongues children can slide again and again. Its real name is The Golem, and it is conspicuously both a plaything and a sculpture, the work of French sculptress Niki de Saint Phalle.

A nearby garden in the same suburb contains a stark white arch called A Prayer to the Mountain, by Israeli artist Michael Gross. The arch rises from the garden and guides the eye to the landscape, the blue horizon and the sky.

The two dissimilar works exemplify the range of modern art and architecture in Israel's capital, where a fascinating assemblage of modern creations stand against a backdrop of historical landmarks.

Israel is a natural home for abstract art forms because of the Jewish and Islamic proscription against creating images of the human figure. While this has not been adhered to religiously, the Jerusalem mayor's art advisor and the municipal art committee seem to have shown a distinct preference for non-representational forms and provided a home for a disproportionately large number of abstract, even minimalist, works.

Almost all are donated by generous individuals, and many have been obtained through the vigorous activity of the Jerusalem Foundation, set up by Jerusalem's long reigning mayor, Teddy Kollek, which has made so many other contributions towards enhancing the city artistically, architecturally and culturally.

The Jerusalem Theater and its entrance plaza are eminent examples of modern smooth line architecture, with sculpture both inside and outside the building. The raw concrete style helps to unite them architecurally and to establish their uniqueness in comparison with the surrounding stone residential buildings.

In another part of Jerusalem, the Yad Vashem Holocaust Authority's Hall of Remembrance has itself a sculptural quality. The heavy, low-slung concrete roof resting on basalt-boulder walls inspire an oppressive feeling even before entering the museum. Opposite the structure stands the tall, slender, vertical metal shaft of the Pillar of Heroism by sculptor Buki Schwartz, a soaring work symbolizing an idea and a memory.

Yad Vashem can be glimpsed from the main road through the great orange-hued steel arches of Alexander Calder's Homage to Jerusalem — arches which echo the mountains that form their background.

Like Yad Vashem, the Knesset building, a gift of the Rothschild family, is a low-slung broad structure, which nevertheless changes its apparent habit when viewed from different hills around it or through its gate. Both buildings possess the massive, welded, chunky metal sculptured gates, characteristic of the work of the late Yaacov Palombo.

Just across the road from the Knesset is the Israel Museum, with its series of box-like, single-storey pavilions that blend modestly and tastefully into the olive-tree scenery and can be added to as needed and as the budget allows. Right next to it and no less remarkable are the Shrine of the Book, built to resemble ancient pottery, and the Billy Rose Sculpture Garden, planned by Isamo Noguchi.

In contrast with much square architecture, the Fallen Soldiers' memorial is a collection of pyramidal structures, with fallen soldiers' names inscribed on the walls, highlighted by a water channel.

By night a number of prominent Jerusalem landmarks — the Old City walls, the Israel Museum, with its modular pavilions and the nearby curvaceous Shrine of the Book — are breathtakingly illuminated, and almost seem to blend spirituality into their substance.

New satellite suburbs contribute greatly to Jerusalem's architectural variety. Some buildings in Gilo in the south have arches of monumental proportions. A series of dwellings in Ramot are famous, or infamous, for their pentagonal sloping walls and are locally designated the "beehives."

The Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University, overlooking the Old City and the Temple Mount, is a suburb on its own, whose inter-connected buildings have great utility both against boiling summer suns and wintry gales. It is a repository of abstract art in varios styles by such artists as Igal Tumarkin, Menashe Kadishman and Danny Karavan.

An art collection comprising an entire city is never completed: it is always developing. Just last August, a new symbolic sculpture by Dov Heller of Kibbutz Nirim, was erected in the San Simon quarter. Centered on the theme of rain and drought, the structure resembles an upturned funnel.

It is one more addition to a rich collection of outdoor sculpture and modern-line architecture which makes Jerusalem a living, open-air museum, to which the only entrance fee is the cost of a bus ticket.

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"We share common hopes and fears"

Herut ideology no problem for Druze politician

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Amal Nasr-El-Din is a man of unusual political opinions. Indeed, he is unique among Knesset members in so far as he is the only non-Jewish deputy in the Likud, representing the Herut faction, which is closely associated with nationalism.

But Nasr-El-Din sees no contradiction in being a Druze and a member of the Herut movement. "The Druze living in Eretz Yisrael signed a covenant with the Jews even before the state was established in 1948," he says.

"Therefore the aims of Israeli Druze and Jews are the same. We share common hopes and fears. And so it is no problem for me to identify with all aspects of Herut ideology and all of the movement's policies."

Indeed, Nasr-El-Din's views on virtually every topic concur with the more moderate wing of the Herut leadership. He believes in the Jewish right to settle in all parts of Judea, Samaria and Gaza and does not want to see Jordanian sovereignty over any part of the West Bank.

He does not advocate outright annexation of the administered territories but wants to see the introduction of autonomy as outlined in the Camp David accords signed with Egypt.

Amal Nasr-El-Din

The Golan Heights is a subject close to his heart because the 15,000 Druze who live there are popularly seen in Israel as a disgruntled group who support Syria. "This is not the case," he stresses.

"Ask them off the record whether they prefer Israeli or Syrian rule and I can guarantee each person will tell you that they prefer Israel. But they are scared to speak out publicly because they fear that one day Israel will give back the Golan as they gave back Sinai. We must reassure them that the Golan Heights will always be a part of Israel."

Nasr-El-Din himself comes from Daliyat-El-Carmel, a village near Haifa which is the largest Druze settlement in Israel. Born in 1928, he is a lifelong member of the Herut movement, having served as chairman of the local Druze and Arab branch of the Herut party and one of their representatives on the local workers' council, before he entered the Knesset in 1977. He is chairman of the local Association of Families of Fallen Soldiers and is particularly proud of the prowess of Druze soldiers in the IDF.

The MK regrets that Israel's Arab minority is not drafted to serve in the IDF, but feels that under the circumstances this is not possible. "Israeli Arabs see themselves as part of the Arab world," he states, "and unfortunately many Israeli Arabs identify with the PLO. Clearly it would not be appropriate for them to serve in the Israeli army."

Nevertheless, Nasr-El-Din asserts that Israeli Arabs, Druze and other minorities are equal citizens of Israel as written in the Proclamation of Independence. "We minorities are equal," he explains, "except for the Law of Return which allows only Jews to emigrate here. But then, the Jews are entitled to their state in their ancestral homeland. That is only fair."

The MK says he has never felt any anti-Arab discrimination from within Herut and claims that that movement's reputation for chauvinism is a myth. "On the contrary," he stresses, "Herut is the party that is most generous towards the Arabs. That's a well known fact. Herut gives the Arabs 10 times the money that the Labor Party does for projects like schools and community centres, because we know how important these facilities are."

Nasr-El-Din has a penchant for statistics that are multiples of 10. For example, in recalling the Lebanon War in 1982, he justifies the government's decision to advance to Beirut but is critical of the fact that a pact was not signed with the right-wing Druze Arsalani clan.

"Jumblatt represents only 10% of the Lebanese Druze," claims Nasr-El-Din. "Yet he has 90% of the weapons. Jumblatt is Syria's man. But Israel could have armed the Arsalanis and together with the Jemayals they could have kept control of Lebanon."

This is the lone criticism that Nasr-El-Din will make of Herut's policies. To many of his fellow Arabs and Druze he is an exception, although he claims that many Arabs and most Druze sympathize with his stand — a claim that is unfortunately impossible to verify with statistics.

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Influence of kibbutz movement exceeds its size

By
MOSHE BEN-JOSEF

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — If you're in the vicinity of Hadera and wish to visit Kibbutz Givat Chaim, you have first to decide which Givat Chaim you want, for there are two. In 1951, Givat Chaim together with three other kibbutzim split along political lines and was partitioned into two neighboring kibbutzim.

Perhaps, then, there is some historical irony, and much satisfaction, in the fact that six years after the foundation of the United Kibbutz Movement (UKM), which brings together all those then involved in the split, its first convention recently took place in Givat Chaim, with the two Givat Chaims hosting the convention in perfect harmony.

Two-thirds of the kibbutz movement, 175 kibbutzim with a population of 70,000, are affiliated to the UKM, which is associated with the Labor Party. The other third belongs to the Kibbutz Artzi Hashomer Hatzair, associated with Mapam. There are also about a dozen religious kibbutzim. All the settlements cooperate in a loose roof-body.

The concepts which brought together the kibbutzim of the UKM have been strengthened by the union, though it still elects two secretaries, one from each of the former streams. However, the real concern of the movement lies not in the past but in the present and the future.

The economic success of the kibbutz movement is common knowledge. The kibbutz, with 3.2% of Israel's Jewish population, today produces 40% of the country's agricultural produce, including 80% of the cotton, 70% of the wheat, 58% of the milk, 45% of the poultry and 40% of the fruit.

The "industrial revolution" undertaken by the kibbutz is no less important. There are now 354 factories in the various kibbutzim, producing 6% of Israel's industrial output. Nearly a third of these produce rubber and plastics (they account for a half of Israel's total product in this branch), followed in importance by metal and foodstuffs.

Israeli consumers have long been accustomed to a wide range of kibbutz products, ranging from furniture to food, TV sets to candies and socks to toothbrushes. Agriculture and industry each produce 47% of total kibbutz income. Much of kibbutz industry is for export and kibbutz industrialists fear that the emergency economic measures announced in the summer of 1985 will damage the profitability of exports.

The effective application of kibbutz principles — equality, self-labor, democracy, mutual aid — to industry is one of the three major changes which kibbutz society had undergone in recent decades. The others are the "take-over" from the founding generation by members of the second and third generations; and the transformation of the kibbutz from a society of poverty and austerity into one of relative material affluence.

The well-kept lawns and inviting swimming pools are now traditional in the kibbutz. Though the kibbutz home is still relatively small in size, members now enjoy color television and stereo sets, many kibbutzim have installed private telephones in members' rooms, while public buildings include modern and roomy dining-halls and comfortable clubrooms. None of this could have been achieved without industry and without the ability and motivation of the new generation.

The relative failure of the moshav — the smallholder's cooperative settlement — to introduce industry into its economy, has narrowed its economic base vis-a-vis the kibbutz. Once the latter had exhausted its agricultural resources — land, water, markets etc. — only industry remained to provide long-term economic security. And it is in industry that many of the younger generation have found their vocation.

The first convention of the UKM could afford, therefore, to survey the future from a position of strength. Nevertheless, and though the problem was not taken up at the convention itself, the UKM has recently been involved in dubious financial transactions with a private stockbroker. The losses involved taught the movement a lesson and from now on, it will exercise closer supervision over those acting in its name and will link its financial activities to public bodies rather than private speculators.

Support will also be provided by the movement to kibbutzim which overextended themselves in order to keep up their investments and assure further economic growth, thus accumulating considerable debts. All this obliges the kibbutzim to cut living standards and to reduce investment.

The new UKM secretary, Aharon Yadlin, a former minister of education, notes that in recent years the UKM had an annual rate of population growth of about 3%.

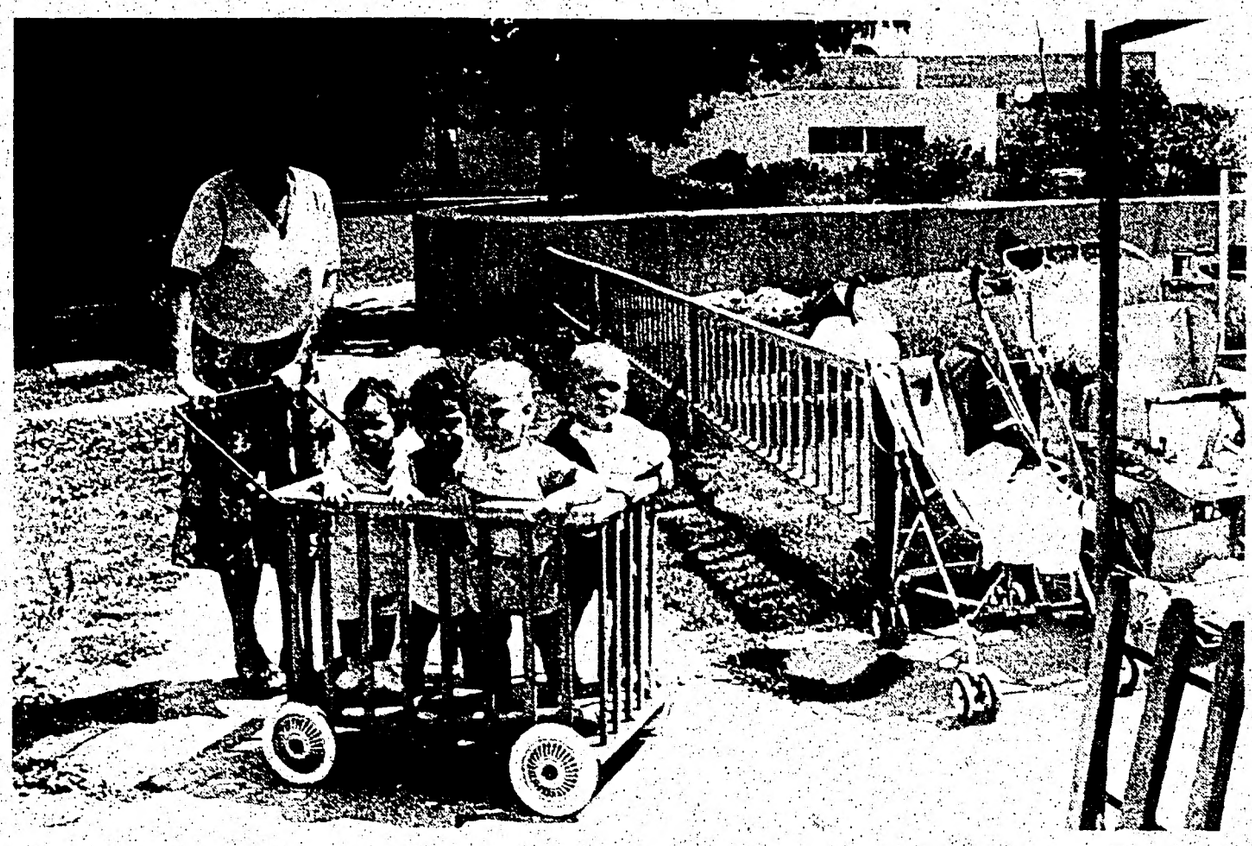
He sees kibbutz history as having gone through four phases. The first, in the 1920s, was "Utopian," when the principles of the kibbutz were hammered out and when everyone dreamt of the whole Jewish society in Eretz Yisrael being founded on them; the 1930s and 1940s were 'functional' years when the kibbutzim built the boundaries of the future state, developed its agriculture and pioneered its self-defence ("Stockade and watchtower" settlements, the Palmach, the Negev kibbutzim); and between 1950 and 1970 the kibbutz faced a crisis because it was believed that the state could solve all problems in a period of mass immigration.

The 1970s and 1980s saw the kibbutzim consolidating their economy and gaining new confidence in their social forms and finding the correct balance between society and family — in particular the move from communal sleeping arrangements for children to family sleeping.

Yadlin bears in mind that we are now dealing not with the early pioneers but with a 'multi-generational and heterogenous society . . . we have to assure that the kibbutz as an idea will not be ground to dust by its own economic success and that the kibbutz movement will once again move into the centre of Israeli society, to become a focus of influence within it.'

Yadlin, a teacher by profession and a member of Kibbutz Hatserim in the Negev, was elected to lead the United Kibbutz Movement by a small majority. Most kibbutz representatives felt that rather than an economist or an organization man they now needed an educator, a person of ideas, of values, of perspectives.

For this reason Yadlin intends to concentrate on social questions, on higher studies, on youth work and on political affairs in the kibbutz movement. His is a full and important agenda.



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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Yoni Netanyahu lived as true hero

By SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)—

Not many things, one would have thought, could have taken the limelight from America's 200th birthday celebrations on July 4, 1976. But Israel did it with the dramatic rescue of the 105 Jewish hostages of an Air France plane, hijacked en route to Paris from Tel Aviv, on that same day.

Flying 2,500 miles with airborne commandos, Operation Thunderbolt's successful 90-minute battle against international terrorism electrified the world and its 10th anniversary was celebrated earlier this year.

The dramatic rescue, in an Israeli paratrooper raid on the old terminal of Entebbe Airport in Uganda was an inspiration to world Jewry and the citizens of the democratic West. Not only did it show the prowess and capability of the IDF, but it also demonstrated that one need not bow to terror, despite the odds.

Of all the Israeli soldiers who have ever given their lives in defence of the Jewish people, Lt-Col. Yonathan Netanyahu (Yoni), commander of Operation Thunderbolt, is probably the best known. His death overshadowed the joy of the hostages rescue and in his honor the Israeli government changed the name of the mission to Operation Yonatan.

Elliot Entis, a former friend of Yoni from their student days at Harvard, told the Harvard Crimson, "Yoni had an ideal and when he died it made you think about your own life. It's also a question of relative values. Yoni was willing quite literally to put his life on the line. That's quite unusual. And there are even fewer people who derive that devotion internally."

Yoni was born in New York in 1946 where his father was working as an emissary. He came to Israel with his parents two years later and settled in Jerusalem. At 18 he joined the army and upon being discharged after his three years service won a scholarship to Harvard. That was in 1967 and the Six Day War thus delayed his journey to Massachusetts.

The war changed many things. Yoni was wounded while saving a friend's life and his left arm was so badly injured that he was declared an invalid and told he could never serve in the army again. He went to Harvard the following year to study philosophy but left the summer afterwards, despite achieving high grades. As he explained to his Harvard advisor Seamus Malin, "I just shouldn't be here. This is a luxury. I should be at home. I should be defending my country."

So Yoni returned home and persuaded the army to

Yonathan (Yoni) Netanyahu

accept him. From that point on his army career took off. He received a decoration for heroism in the 1973 Yom Kippur War and was given command of a crack unit for special missions which performed many daring deeds, including Entebbe. They also undertook many delicate assignments, which still cannot be revealed because of their sensitive nature.

But if Entebbe dealt a blow to international terrorism, how effective was it? After all, terrorism is as prevalent today as ever. Was Yoni's death in vain?

"Terrorism is more of an issue today because at last the Western governments, and particularly America, are taking action to fight it," explains Prof. Ben Zion Netanyahu, Emeritus Professor in History at Cornell University and Yoni's father. Furthermore, he notes that since Entebbe no aircraft flying to and from Israel has ever been hijacked.

Yoni's brother, Benjamin Netanyahu, who is today Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, is now in the front line of the diplomatic battle against terrorism. He too feels that Entebbe was a watershed in the war against terrorism.

"Courage breeds courage," he says. "There has been no similar operation against Israel since Entebbe. Perhaps more importantly the rescue acted as a blue print and inspiration for other successful missions. It dispelled a sense of paralysis and a feeling that nothing could be done to stem the tide of terrorism which existed until then.

"Soon afterwards the West Germans conducted a similarly successful raid on Mogadishu in Somalia and the Dutch stormed a train being held by South Moluccan terrorists. More recently there was the American interception of the Achille Lauro hijackers."

If Yoni's example inspired all these other events, he would be embarrassed by the credit. More than anything else he had a sense of history. He remembered the exodus from Egypt, and the Macabbees and the Warsaw Ghetto fighters. He also remembered the eras when Jews had no defenders and was determined to consign such helplessness to the history books.

In a letter to a girl friend he recalled a Passover seder with his troops. "By the past, I refer not only to my personal past, but to the manner in which I see myself as an integral part, a link in the chain of Israel's struggle for survival and independence."

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Postponed by war

Bar mitzvah at last — in Prague

By
GABRIEL LEJENSON

PRAGUE —

Here in this Eastern European capital, a 13th-century synagogue — the oldest in the world in continuous use — was recently the scene of an unusual ceremony. Rubin Shafran, a 56-year-old building contractor from Middletown, NY, was having his bar mitzvah there.

That important rite of passage had been denied him at the usual age of 13. By then, he was already a member of a partisan band fighting the Germans who had occupied Uchanie, his native village in Poland, at the outbreak of World War II.

He had already seen his grandfather, with whom he had studied the Torah, shot by the Nazis at the gate to the local Jewish cemetery, and he had witnessed the deportation of his mother and two sisters to the concentration camp at Sobibor (where they were gassed the following day, he learned subsequently).

Shafran himself had escaped the same fate when he was given shelter by a Polish Christian who had a farm nearby, but he had had to run away again, when the farmer's neighbors threatened to turn him in to the Gestapo.

The sympathetic farmer gave the boy a rifle he had salvaged from World War I, and young Shafran went off to join a partisan band of Russian soldiers and Polish Jews, who had fled imprisonment and were attacking German outposts from hideouts in forests and underground tunnels.

When the war ended, Shafran returned to Uchanie, only to find the handful of Jewish survivors under attack again — this time by a gang of Polish fascists who were still at large.

Shafran made his way to Bari, Italy, and joined a group of young Zionists who were studying agriculture and preparing themselves for the illegal journey to British-held Palestine.

He was recruited by ORT, the American organization concerned with providing young Jews with vocational training, and he spent the next four years in Bari, developing skills in carpentry and a fluency in the Italian language which he retains to this day.

Meanwhile, his father, from whom he had been separated and who had managed to live through the ordeal of the concentration camps, had gotten to the United States and had established himself as a chicken farmer in Willimantic, Conn.

Shafran joned his father and met his wife-to-be, the former Helene Hast, at a Yom Kippur service. When he was 23, he married Helene and, that same year, joined the U.S. Army for his second war, this one in Korea.

After that war, Rubin and Helene Shafran settled briefly in Hawaii, and in 1956, they returned to the mainland U.S. With his background in carpentry, Rubin determined to go into construction, and he has been a successful builder of houses, particularly in Rockland County, NY, ever since.

In Prague's 13th-century Altneu 56-year-old Rubin Shafran celebrates his bar mitzvah.

Over the years, the Shafrans have raised three sons, all of whom were bar mitzvah at Temple Sinai in Middletown.

Somehow, Shafran himself never gave serious thought to becoming himself a principal in such a ceremony, although he has been the president of the congregation, has served 15 years on its board of trustees and been named the Temple's Man-of-the-Year.

It was not until his last trip to Israel — he has been there 14 times — that the idea of a bar mitzvah for himself took definite shape. Shafran was at a ceremony in Holon, at the dedication of a monument to the people of his native village.

A long-time friend, Donald Tirschwell of New City NY, who was also at the ceremony and who knew Shafran's exciting history, spoke up: "Ruby, isn't it about time you caught up with where you left off in Uchanie? How about your own bar mitzvah?"

Tirschwell, president of the Israel Bond Drive of Lower Hudson Valley, suggested that Shafran have his bar mitzvah in the course of the local organization's Annual Mission to Israel.

A stopover had been planned in Prague enroute. There, in the ancient Altneu synagogue, it was agreed, Rubin Shafran would finally be called to the altar to read the selections from Leviticus and Ezekiel which were required for that week.

A group of 20 friends and neighbors, most of them from Rockland County, enthusiastically decided to join Shafran and Tirschwell on their memorable journey. Among them were Congressman Ben Gilman, the minority chairman of the House foreign affairs committee; Kenneth Gribetz, the Rockland County district attorney; and Miles Lerman, the vice-chairman of the National Holocaust Commission and — like Shafran and Abe Baum, another member of the group — a former partisan.

Rabbi Shaya Klimnick of Roshester, NY, a leader in that community's Israel Bond Drive, joined them — to serve as spiritual advisor of the group and to conduct the bar mitzvah ritual.

Members of the local congregation, together with the visitors from abroad, completely filled the sanctuary. Among those present was William Luers, the U.S. ambassador to Czechoslovakia, who had entertained the American delagation the day before, at his residence.

So it was that Rubin Shafran, surrounded by old friends from Rockland County, and new friends from Czechoslovakia, went to the bima of the high, vaulted synagogue and chanted the designated Bible portion of the week, in a clear and confident Hebrew.

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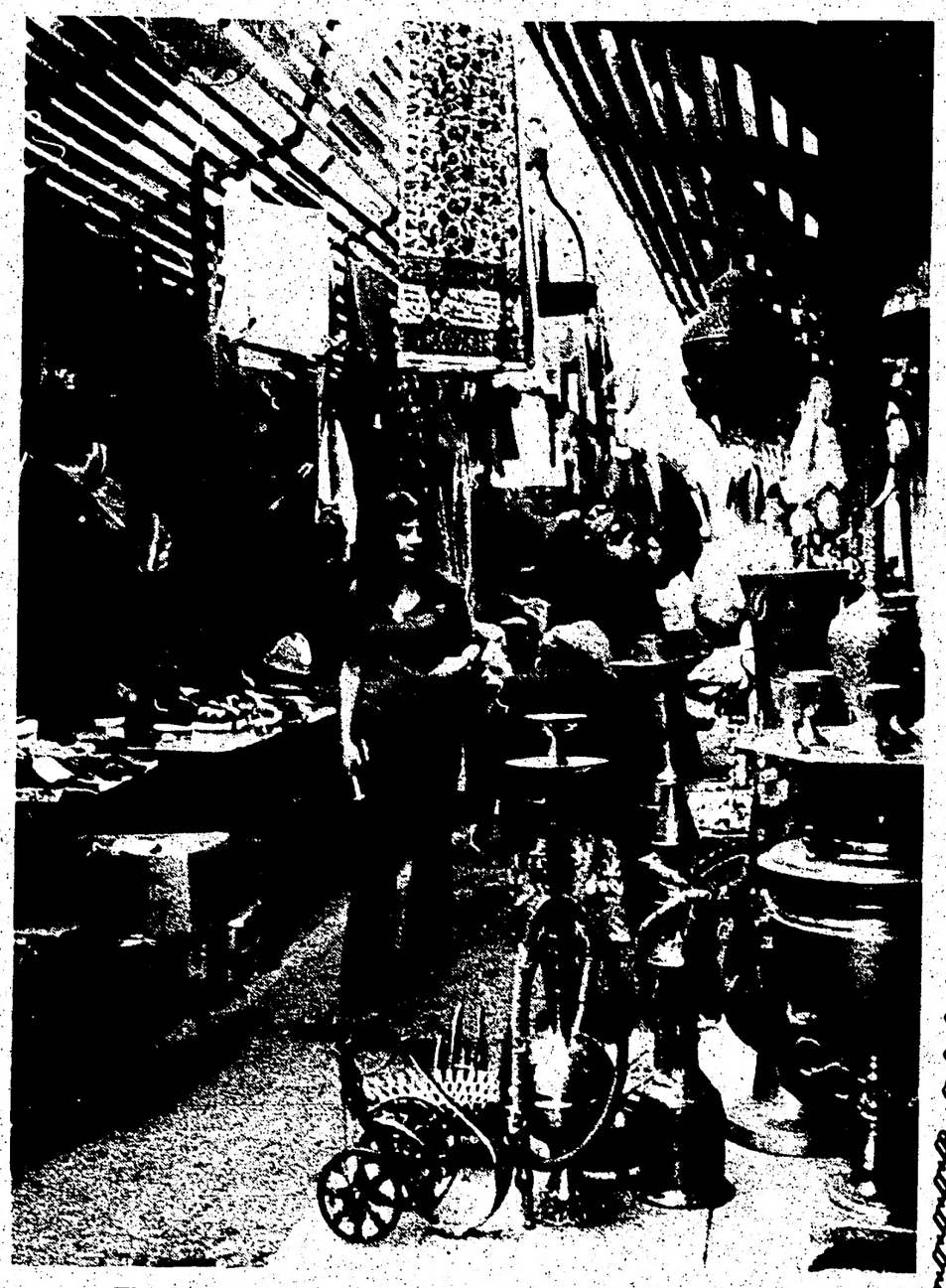

The Jaffa Flea Market — a bargain hunter's paradise.

Jaffa flea market sells everything, every day

By
DIANE GREENBERG

TEL AVIV (WZPS) —

Curiosities, antiques, artifacts, bric-a-brac and junk. Call it what you will — it's all available and up for sale every day at the Flea Market in Jaffa. If you want an old 78 of Caruso singing O Sole Mio, a pair of left-handed boxing gloves or a framed portrait of Golda Meir this is the place to come.

People are selling every imaginable item on the premise that if one person has no further use for it there must be someone else who will value and treasure it. This philosophy encourages the display of some dubious "treasures" — nails and screws, tape and lengths of piping which might equip an adventure playground but would have a hard job not springing leaks if used for their original functions.

Old clothes spread on the pavement on top of old newspapers. Battered and tired toys. An old man sitting in front of a wall of old shoes. There are tailors' dummies, gold and silver arms and legs which once displayed couture dresses, transistor radios, black and white television and watches without straps.

The stall selling stamps and coins attracts its own kind of clientele. Old world collectors happily engaged in close examination, inspecting possible new additions to their collections. No money seems to change hands here; exchanges are made in kind.

The Flea Market is perhaps most famous for its vast stores of second hand furniture. There are half a dozen cavernous warehouses with room after room piled high and overflowing with desks and bookcases, coffee tables, dining tables and occasional tables. Chairs are everywhere — armchairs, stiff-backed chairs and luxurious padded chaise lounges. There are sideboards with immense carved feet and heavy ornamental fluting, once a housemaid's nightmare to keep dusted and polished.

If you're looking for a real antique there's a fair chance you'll find it. You'll have to pay a good price, however, as the salesmen are canny and its rare for them not to have recognized a genuine piece and priced it accordingly.

Even in the age of the digital watch there's a flourishing market for grandfather clocks. These elegant timepieces, with their fine precision mechanisms, are very much sought after. Apparently people will buy them even if they're not working, just as an adornment to their living room or in memory of a by-gone age.

The market is full of unlikely characters buying and selling. The somewhat disreputable fellow selling after-shave lotions and perfumes does a roaring trade. He offers liberal samples of his wares and the fact that he sports a 3-day growth of beard in no way deters his customers.

People stop and show each other their purchases. Young girls wander down the two narrow arcades that sell cheap fashions and jewelry. Long-suffering husbands stand around resignedly while their wives rummage feverishly for genuine antiques and bargains.

Copper pots of every conceivable size and shape are available. If you're after a samovar, a finjan (coffee pot), a pair of brass candlesticks, an iron bedstead or a chandelier, you can choose from hundreds here. There are coal skuttles complete with pokers and tongs, relics of the pre-central heating era. One stall — really just a hole in the wall — sells faded pink wall lights that once must have lit the bedrooms of a Tel Aviv hotel.

The Middle Eastern art of bargaining is very much the accepted form of trading. The first thing to do is let the salesman know that you do NOT want to buy his beautiful burnished copper pot. Walk away appalled at the price he wants for it — and he of course will entice you back with a slightly lower price. Then negotiations can really begin.

Before the deal will be completed you'll have discovered that his grandmother came from the same village in Lithuania as your grandfather and as third cousin he'll give you nothing less than a bargain.

The languages of the market are Hebrew, Arabic and Yiddish, though all traders have a key word vocabulary in English, French and half a dozen other European tongues. But regardless of the language in which you conduct your business and whether you end up buying what you wanted or fall for something wildly extravagent, the Flea Market will have bitten you.

And chances are you'll find all manner of excuses to leave sophisticated Tel Aviv, jump on a bus to Jaffa and visit it again.

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Montreal historian visits Szabolcs-Szatmar county

Poignant traces remain of Nyirseg community

ELAINE KALMAN NAVES is a Montreal historian and freelance writer who recently visited the Nyirseg region of Szabolcs-Szatmar county in northeastern Hungary to do research for a book of the Jews of this area. She describes what she found in this once-thriving area of Jewish life.

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Nyirseg originally took its name from the birch (nyir) tree which once proliferated in this dry, sandy, rolling terrain between the Great Hungarian Plain and the foothills of the Carpathians.

In recent times, the birch tree has virtually become extinct here. Like the birch, the Jews of the Nyirseg, once a populous minority in this agricultural region, have almost died out here.

Historically, the Nyirseg was a region burgeoning with vital Jewish life over centuries. Nagykallo, the first capital of Szabolcs county, dates back to medieval times.

Its first Chief Rabbi, Itzhak Eizik Taub, known as "the Tzaddik of Kallo" or "the Kallever," brought chassidism to Hungary and was a immensely charismatic and popular figure at the turn of the 18th into the 19th century. By the 1920s Szabolcs and Szatmar counties had a Jewish population of approximately 35,000, or 8% of the area's total population.

The majority or Nyirseg Jews worked as peasant farmers, laborers, artisans, potato and grain merchants, and tavern and shopkeepers. A large segment of the Jewish population consisted of the transient poor. In the 20th century, Jews came to fill the middle-class occupations of manufacturing, banking and the professions in the larger villages and small towns.

During the second half of the 19th century subsequent to the Emancipation Act of 1867 — the so-called Golden Age of Hungarian Jewry — a highly distinctive and visible class of landowning Jews uniquely characteristic to this region grew up in the Nyirseg. They represented a prosperous landed bourgeoisie, for the most part Orthodox in religion, Magyar-speaking, and fervently Hungariophile in their politics.

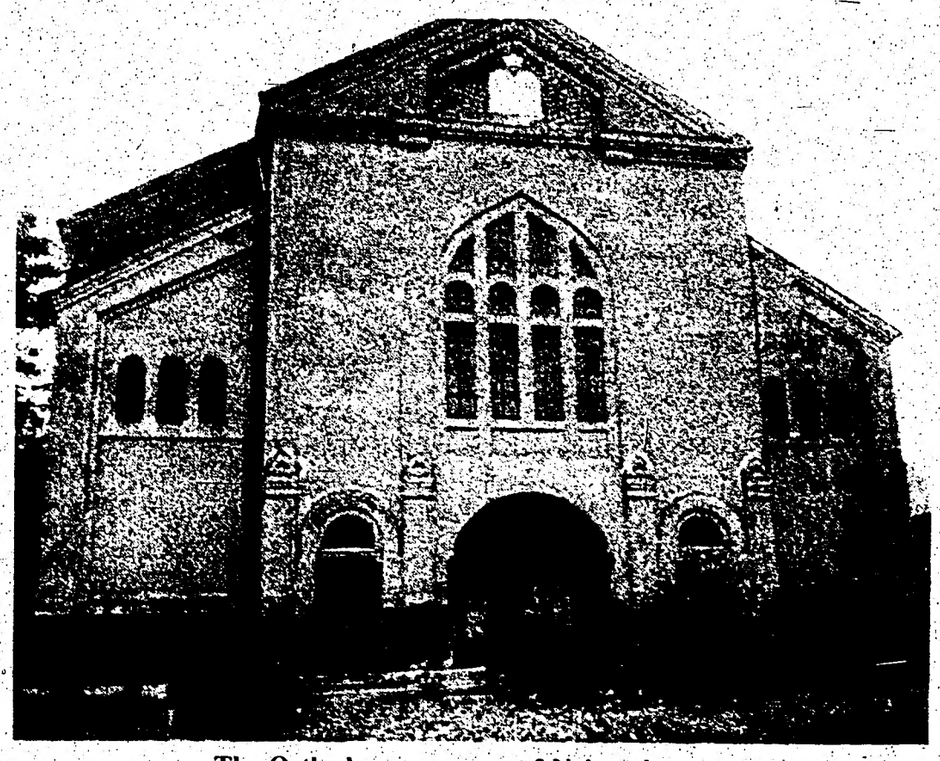
On my recent journey to the Nyirseg, I visited the towns of Nyireghaza, Kisvarda, and Nagykallo as well as a number of small Nyirseg villages — all of which, prior to World War II, had been vital centres of Jewish life.

Kisvarda for instance had a population of 3,770 Jews in 1941, representing over 25% of the total population of this small agricultural town. Today, six aging Jews live in Kisvarda, a fact that has caused the central organization of Hungarian congregations to sell off the magnificent baroque-style blue and cream Kisvarda-synagogue to the state, which in turn has converted it to a museum devoted to folk and fine art.

Other than the list of Kisvarda Jews martyred during the Holocaust carved into the wall of the synagogue's lobby there is absolutely nothing to connect it to Jews of the present or past. At the side of the totally refurbished and freshly painted building, a tiny prayerhouse with empty panes of glass in its windows is the gathering place of Kisvarda's remaining Jews.

According to Laszlo Raducziner, the caretaker and factotum of Nyiregyhaza's beautiful Orthodox synagogue, some 40 men and 20 women gather during the High Holidays from the whole Nyirseg region to worship in this one remaining operating synagogue in the present day capital of Szabolcs-Szatmar county.

Virtually none of them is "young" by Raducziner's definition, i.e. under 60.



The Orthodox synagogue of Nyiregyhaza.

Though hardly any maintain an Orthodox lifestyle (a liberal or "neolog" order of service is followed), Nyiregyhaza does possess a kosher butcher shop with a ritual slaughterer who travels to the city once a week from Budapest.

A weekly minyan (without rabbi or cantor) congregates in the synagogue, which is kept open from Shavuoth until Yom Kippur. (The expense of maintaining the building forces the congregation to close it for the winter months.)

Being on the spot in this otherwise flourishing part of Eastern Europe drives home concretely the totality of Jewish losses there after the Holocaust. Immediately after the war, over 1,000 Jewish survivors returned to Nyiregyhaza and over 800 to Kisvarda. Many, however, emigrated immediately to the West and to Israel. Others moved to Budapest where about 80,000 Jews live today.

Forty years later, few of those who had opted to remain in the Nyirseg are still alive. Their children have assimilated or left. The ancient communities are simply no longer viable.

Paradoxically, since 1983 when I had last visited the Nyirseg, there has been one significant positive change in the landscape of Jewish life there: a movement to save the ancient cemeteries from the ravages of time.

The cemeteries I visited in 1983 were overgrown jungles of acacia trees with undecipherable gravestones falling haphazardly out of their places. Fences had broken down; cattle and other animals foraged unrestricted among the headstones.

Since that time, conditions in many of these graveyards have been vastly improved. The two historic cemeteries of Nagykallo (several noted rabbis not only of the Nyirseg but of all of Eastern Europe requested burial in the holy ground of Nagykallo) are surrounded by handsome stone fences; many of the gravestones have undergone "facelifts."

Other cemeteries of the region, which, while laying no special claim to historic importance, are still precious and integral components of the Hungarian Jewish legacy, have also been fenced in and spruced up. I was told that this cemetery-salvaging project is still in progress and that funds for it come from North American Jewish organizations and individuals.

Thus, though like the birch tree, Jewish life is rapidly dying out in the Nyirseg, the old cemeteries, testaments to a rich past, live on.

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Technion prof.:

Video games teach important skills

HAIFA —

Prof. Daniel Gopher of the Technion has advice for parents: Make sure that your children play Pac Man and bone up on their video game skills.

This is serious advice, says Gopher, as video games impart the kinds of skills needed in a modern, technological society. They can fill an important void in training pilots, computer scientists, or anyone else called upon to operate complex, technological systems.

These are some of the conclusions drawn from research being conducted by Gopher and the team he heads at the Technion's faculty of industrial engineering.

Video games are fast-moving affairs. Players often need to be aware of five or six simultaneous actions and to react to them. This requires concentration, visual acuity, hand-eye coordination, and, above all else, decision-making.

Playing a video game is definitely a matter of developing the correct methods of operation in order to achieve maximum results. These are the same skills needed for flying modern aircraft or operating the control room in a nuclear power plant.

To meet the needs of complex jobs, Israeli industry and the military have developed a whole generation of training simulators. These simulators are very expensive — sometimes costing even more than the actual systems themselves.

Gopher believes it is possible to simplify training procedures by building cheaper simulators based on micro- or minicomputers. These simulators can take advantage of the skills acquired from playing video games and use them to systematically train personnel for complex jobs.

"The present working environment in high-tech industries is not much different from that of a complex video game," the professor says. "It is not too far-fetched to think that skills learned and acquired in a game environment can be translated into real-life situations."

In laboratory research, he divided subjects, Technion students — the elite of technological youth in Israel — into two groups. The control group was seated at the computer and asked to play a specially designed game, similar to commercial ones, but more complex and difficult. Eventually, the students in this group found methods which enabled them to play. But these methods did not utilize their capabilities in full, nor exploit the game's potential.

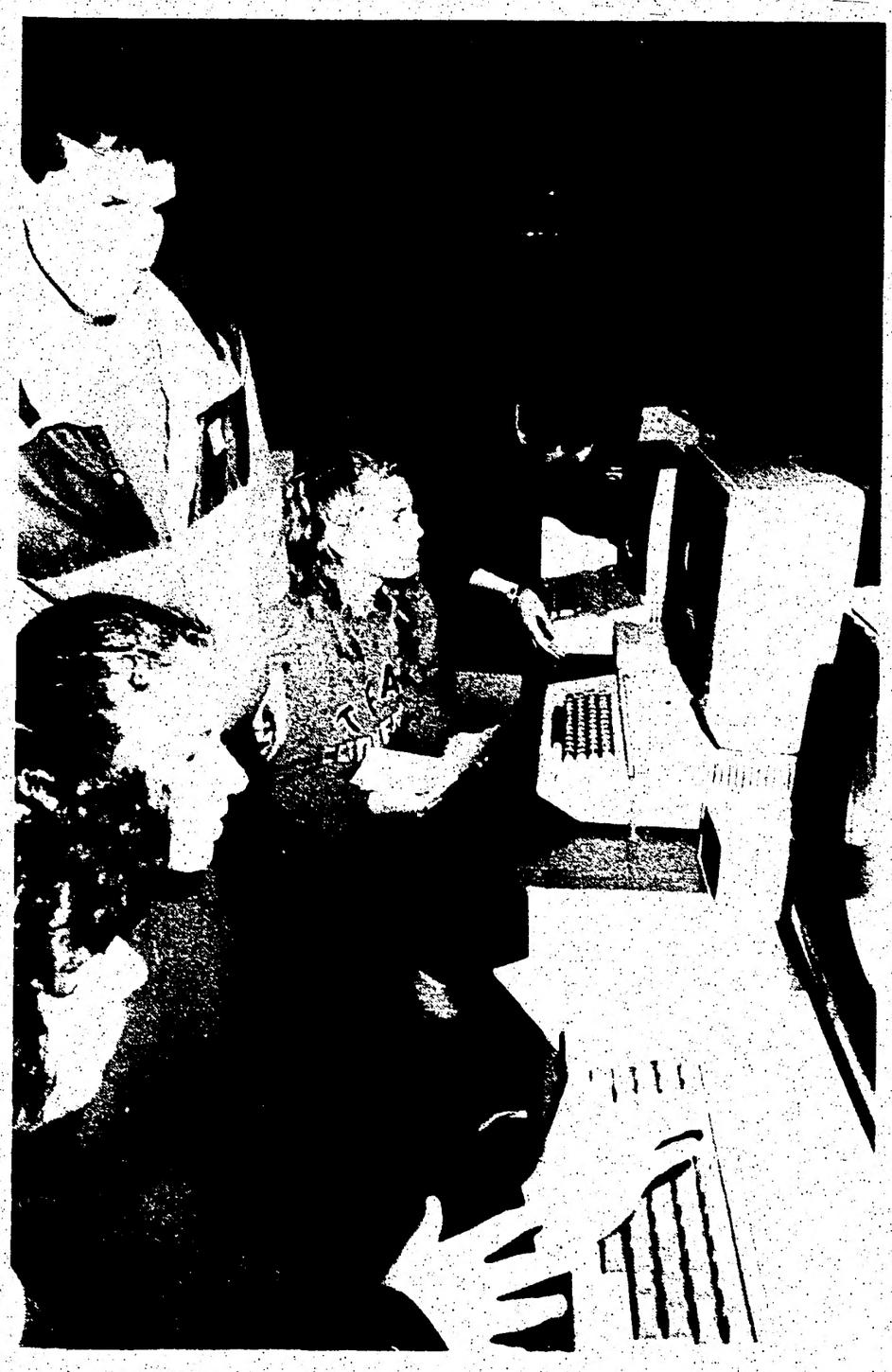
The students in the other group were instructed in and shown different playing strategies which helped them to realize their full capabilities. These students selected the methods most suited to them in order to achieve maximum results.

The differences were dramatic. After 10 hours, the students who received instruction had nearly doubled their capabilities, while the control group showed much less improvement. "Without planned practice, by just playing, students do not become any smarter," Gopher notes. "They just continue to play at a sub-optional level."

This research is one of 12 projects chosen out of more than 50 applicants for funding by the U.S. defence department's advanced Research Agency and is aimed at exploring different ways of developing computer games as training devices. "Current learning theory is not yet formalized enough to be incorporated into computers," Gopher believes. "This is the challenge for science — to focus on solving this problem."

Of the 12 projects, eight are in the United States, two in England, one in Canada, and one in Israel. All the research is being carried out using the same game, which was developed jointly by all 12 participants. The conditions of testing, the hardware and even the game machines are identical in all the projects. Only the strategies for training the subjects are different.

Results so far indicate that the strategy developed by Gopher and the technion team is proving the to be one of the most successful, if not the most successful of all the projects. So much so that during a recent visit to the Technion, General Amos Lapidot, head of the Israeli air force, expressed interest in incorporating the Technion's video system and strategy into IAF pilot training.



Computers are playing an increasingly important role in Israeli education.

Gopher puts great store in the educational value of video games. "If I could develop a generation of educational games, I would urge parents to stand over their children and make sure they practice on the computer, just as our parents stood over us to practice the violin or the piano."

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"Better known in Mexico than Israel"

Unassuming Haga men fulfil duties as experts

By SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— The pot-bellied, aging soldier checking bags at the entrance to a cinema is the negative stereotype image that plagues the Israel Civil and Home Defence Corps (Haga). Yet these dedicated but often sloppy looking military men are the tip of an iceberg beneath which is a sophisticated, highly efficient organization responsible for Israel's internal security in the event of a war or a major natural disaster.

Few Israelis appreciate the vital functions that Haga performs and is trained to carry out in such an event. Building and maintaining shelters, keeping gas masks, checking for terrorist threats and guarding border settlements, are only a few of the crucial roles undertaken by the men from Haga.

"These days we are better known in Mexico than we are in Israel," says Colonel Yaacov Bar Lev, head of Haga's defence and settlements department. "During the earthquake in Mexico City we used the lifesaving techniques we learned from our own experience with collapsed buildings in Tyre where we had several tragedies.

"Our sophisticated methods saved the lives of many Mexicans and the local media was full of praise for us for weeks for the miraculous way we pulled their people out of the rubble. We've never been given such credit in Israel, though we've performed such feats here too."

The average age of the men serving in Haga, contrary to popular belief, is only 35. It is true, however, that apart from several units of professionals, most of the manpower is made up of men who are not physically fit enough for the rigors of a combat unit.

Men who have more than six children are also allowed into Haga.

Until several years ago more than 100,000 people served in Haga, but more efficient use of manpower has meant cutting down the force and while legally Haga can call on men until the age of 55, in practice nobody older than 53 is called to service.

Major Moshe Brender, head of Haga's Information and Guidance Department, explains that their soldiers are protecting the nation from four types of threat. "First there is the threat of terrorist attacks and bombs," he says.

"Then there is the possibility of a conventional war and for this we prepare shelters and offer advice. Thirdly, we are geared to operating in a situation of gas or chemical warfare with appropriate masks and precautions and lastly, there is a possibility of a natural or industrial disaster. The most likely natural disaster in Israel would be an earthquake, the aftermath of which in many ways resembles that of a conventional war."

The most expensive task of Haga is to build and maintain shelters. Israel has the most extensive network of shelters in the world for conventional warfare. It is estimated that 85% of the number of needed shelters exist, providing space for every Israeli citizen.

These shelters are paid for from a special budget allocated by the ministry of finance. During 1984 $238 milion was spent on new shelters and repairs to existing ones, and since 1967 $2.4 billion has been disbursed by the government for shelters. By law new buildings must include shelter facilities and an estimated 6% of building costs go on shelters.

To save money Haga has been designing shelters that can double as a library, youth club, synagogue or, in the centre of cities, as underground car parks.

Haga also stores gas masks for every citizen in the country. These are kept in warehouses around Israel and can be distributed within a short time, should the situation require. The inventory is updated every year according to statistics about the population and their ages (i.e. different sizes are kept for children of various ages).

Another activity Haga recently inaugurated is courses for women on how to act in times of emergency. This is based on the assumption that at such times most men would be away at the battle front. So far 15 such courses have been conducted instructing hundreds of women on how to take charge of their neighborhoods.

Lessons include moving people to shelters, enforcing blackouts and organizing emergency food stores as well as instruction in first aid and the psychological syndromes of such a situation. Women who successfully complete this course become officers in Haga.

Haga is also responsible for guarding installations which contain sensitive chemicals and gases and for seeing that such materials are neutralized in time of war. For this service the industrial concerns involved must pay Haga.

In the event of war a special decree gives Haga the powers for necessary law enforcement. In recent history these powers were invoked nationwide in 1967 during the Six-Day War, in 1973 during the Yom Kippur War and in 1982 during the Peace For Galilee Operation.

"People laughed at me when I said I was being transferred to Haga," recalls Bar Lev. "What do you want to be doing with those old men they said. But we at Haga are secure enough and professional enough to swallow such insults. We know that Haga is no joke."

A Haga exercise in Jerusalem's Mamish quarter.

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Frontier beckoned Jewish pioneers

By
LAURA FOLKMAN

Levi Strauss

(JSPS) —

Everyone knows the story of Levi Strauss. A struggling pioneer who arrived in a rustic town called San Francisco during the Gold Boom of 1849, Strauss soon made his million-dollar fortune selling denim overalls and jackets in the mining camps.

Actually Strauss' success story is not so unique; he was one of thousands of Jews who forged their way across the Western frontier in the 19th century. These sturdy pioneers who seem so at odds with our notion of the Jews congregating in large Eastern cities were, in fact, not really different from any other settler: the open West called and they followed.

It requires a wide stretch of the imagination to picture Jewish settlements in Montana, California, or Texas. But Jews did inhabit these and other territories; the Jewish population in America rose from a mere 8,000 in 1830 to 20 times that a few decades later.

Once Jewish communities had been established in the East, the chance for further expansion and new entrepreneurial opportunities compelled the Jews to explore the Western prairies.

The first major wave of immigration to America brought thousands of German-speaking Jews from western areas of Europe. Many of these Jews, who by trade were peddlers, butchers, cobblers, and grocers, joined the westward migration to seek out new markets for their trades and products.

The Jews were responding enthusiastically to the idea of opportunity they saw represented by the new frontier, an opportunity denied them for centuries in Europe, and they became rapidly engaged in every sector of business and industry.

The Gold Rush towns called out in need of commercial skills, and so the Jews became mail deliverers, miners, bankers, even owners of hotels and saloons. The ancient pastoral tradition of the Jewish people seems to have been fulfilled here: in the Far West Jews were farmers, ranchers, and were involved in the livestock industry as everything from cowhands to sheep tycoons.

Isaac Friedlander, a swashbuckling German Jew, was known in the 1850s as the California Grain King. Others became involved in the quickly growing transportation industry: Otto Mears, a Russian Jew, engineered a major 450-mile toll-road system on the southwest Colorado frontier.

Stories document some of the more colorful Jewish characters, including Sam Dittenhoefer who achieved local fame as a sort of Jewish folk hero. It is said he outwitted Billy the kid in 1877 by hiding silver dollars in flour barrels shipped from Mexico to Santa Fe.

Another odd figure, Joshua Norton, was easily recognized in San Francisco by his brass-buttoned navy coat and his frenzied claim as "Emperor of California and Protector of Mexico." In Montana, tales are told of one Moses Solomon, a Yiddish fur trader and legendary Indian fighter.

But there had to be more to the life of these pioneer Jews than their business and secular concerns. As it happens, life out West gave little time for religious observance of any kind. The main question was of survival, and this precarious lifestyle demanded some changes in the traditional practices the Jews had brought with them.

Jewish laymen performed marriages and other ceremonies with the aid of two witnesses. As for occasions calling for a mohel (circumciser) or shochet (ritual slaughterer of game and fowl), Jews simply travelled to the nearest one they could find, or waited for an itinerant mohel to visit their prairie outpost.

Community life remained strong on the Western frontier. Jews formed their own prayer groups and benevolent societies; whose members cared for the sick, buried the dead, and maintained the Jewish cemetaries. Where they could afford it, Jewish settlers established small congregations. One man usually served here as the chazzan (cantor), mohel, and melamed (teacher).

Rabbis, when there were any, also faced the challenge of pioneer lifestyle. The rabbi was most often someone educated in Europe, facing a Jewish community of rude, largely uneducated settlers. A new kind of rabbi had to emerge, one who could view this frontier diaspora with all its advantages: the chance to shape a community with as many trappings of traditional Judaism as could be accomodated, yet retaining the distinctive flavor of the free American spirit. Their long, rich heritage, when compared with the relatively brief history of America, could never be entirely forgotten by these adventurous frontier Jews.

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Korazim, Amnun, Maof, Karkon

More settlements for Galil Canada

By
RENEE GHERT

At Kibbutz Lotem, overlooking a valley in the heart of Lower Galilee, stands a monument upon which is inscribed the name and hometown of supporters of a project which has come to be known as Galil Canada.

Lotem, a kibbutz with an industrial base as well as an agricultural one, is one of the earliest of the 14 settlements in the Zalmon region (the area directly to the east of the Kinneret), a project adopted by Canadian JNF (Keren Kayemet) donors six years ago.

Its factory, Lotemplast, in which members produce plastic sewage equipment and elastic bindings, is the settlement's main source of income. Members also do some subcontracting, raise goats, hens and bees and engage in some agriculture.

Most of the other settlements in the project, unlike Lotem, did not begin as what they are or are in the process of becoming today: kibbutzim, moshavim and yeshuvim kehilatim (community settlements), but rather as mitzpim (pre-settlements).

These mitzpim were among the total of 30 such pre-settlements put up cooperatively by the JNF and the Jewish Agency in 1979 when it became apparent that Jewish settlement was not progressing quickly enough.

In 1980, each mitzpeh comprised between eight and 10 young families which came from Israel's major cities seeking a different lifestyle, from already established moshavim and kibbutzim, or from abroad. By 1986, each has grown in area and number of inhabitants while taking on its own character.

Massad, established earlier in this decade, and currently home to 20 families, is an example of a community settlement. Much less structured than a moshav, its members work outside the settlement, many in Haifa.

Temporary housing here takes the form of trailers provided by the Jewish Agency, but with the land already prepared by the JNF, construction of permanent homes is scheduled to begin shortly.

Massad presently boasts a nursery school-kindergarten, and there is no doubt that once the settlement expands, there will be a need for a grocery store and additional services.

A 10-minute drive from Massad is kibbutz Ravid, a member of the United Kibbutz Movement. The road forks at the entrance to the settlement. Following one direction, the visitor arrives at a group of pleasant looking houses on a hill overlooking a hen roost and an avacado field.

Taking the other path, one arrives at the kibbutz's plant for making concrete building blocks. The fully automated factory in operation close to two years, uses raw materials from the Golan Heights and ships its finished product to points around the country.

Although all the new homes in Tefahot initially look the same, each home will eventually reflect the taste of its particular owner. [Renee Ghert photo]

Nearby is Kallanit, a settlement founded six years ago as a moshav rather than as one of the mitzpim. Its residents are sons and daughters of moshavim elsewhere, primarily the Galil.

When the members of this settlement, in which agricultural products are grown in hothouses, built their homes, they numbered them from 100 down in the hopes of someday soon acquiring that many families. No bachelors are accepted here in this moshav, as is the case in many such settlements. The children of the families here, all religious (Mizrachi), learn at the school in Lavi, a religious kibbutz near Tiberias.

Several of the moshavim included in Galil Canada, such as Tefahot, did in fact grow out of small pre-settlements. Much is going on today in this community of between 20 and 30 families.

Large private homes are under construction at the moment and land is being levelled through a process of drilling and dynamiting in preparation for the erection of hothouses for growing flowers and vegetables for export.

Tefahot, which originally comprised 12 families and has set its sights on a total population of 50 families, has hired a single contractor to build all the permanent homes according to identical plans. Each family, however, has the option of adding its own touches to its house at its own expense.

The Jewish Agency is responsible for the physical, economic, and social planning and development of the settlements. This translates into the paving of roads, the building of greenhouses and the furnishing of water pipes among other things.

The ministry of housing gives the settlers generous loans to finance the construction of permanent dwellings.

The job of the JNF, on the other hand, is to reclaim land for agricultural uses through the breaking down and the removal of boulders from the fields, to prepare the soil and to furnish basic infrastructure such as access and security roads.

The Keren Kayemet is responsible as well for the leveling and preparation of land to facilities building and for overall landscaping and forestation.

"Where in Israel doesn't the JNF work?" said a Keren Kayemet worker blasting away the rocks in a field belonging to Moshav Tefahot. It is for exactly these purposes which Canadian Jews have already committed over $30 million in the six years since the initial undertaking of the Galil Canada project.

It costs about $2.5 million to establish a settlement, according to Mordechai Karniel, a spokesman for the JNF, and without the generosity of the people whose names appear on the monument at Lotem, the settlement of Galil Canada would not be developing as they are at this time.

Galil Canada is only part of the JNF's overall plan to expand Jewish settlement in the north. Effort is being directed as well toward the regions west of Zalmon known as the Tefen Block and the Segev Block.

Funds are being directed toward agricultural research and expanding and beautifying already existing population centres in Galilee such as Carmiel, a growing city with a current population of 20,000.

The Canada Desk at the Keren Kayemet headquarters in Jerusalem has announced that four new settlements have recently been adopted by Galil Canada. These are Korazim, Amnun, Maof, and Karkon, all located east of the other 14 settlements, closer to the northern shore of the Kinneret.

The residents of Amnun and Karkom are in partnership with six of the older settlements in a joint venture called the Amnun Bay Project, an undertaking to develop the northern shore of the Kinneret for resort and tourism. The JNF has allocated a gift of $5 million to the project to finance the actual physical preparation of the beachfront. Bulldozers have been working on this for some time and the task is close to completion.

The Jewish Agency will lend the participating settlements — Lotem, Moran, Massad, Karkom, Kaddarim, Livnim, Kahal, and Amnun — the funds to build a motel and a hotel, to be fully completed several years from now. The JNF has also committed to build a park and camping ground for the project, a 2-year undertaking.

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Time seems to stand still in Azores synagogue

By
CHARLOTTE WEISBROT

SAO MIGUEL, Azores

Among the Jewish communities of the world that have vanished from our midst, that of the Azores was not well known even while it was flourishing.

Before the days of the airplane, these Portuguese-owned islands in the Atlantic were even more isolated. It took several days to reach Europe by ship and even several hours for inter-island travel. Nevertheless, two of the islands, Terceira and Sao Miguel, each had a Jewish community for at least 200 years.

Members of these communities came from Portugal, Morroco and perhaps also Spain and Gibraltar. They engaged mostly in commerce and shipping and some families became well to-do.

Such families as the Bensaudes became influential in the fields of business, education and government.

During World War II, the Azores became a haven for some Ashkenazi Jews from Germany and Poland who managed to flee the European inferno by way of Spain and Portugal. For a while they increased the number and diversity of the Jewish population.

The years that followed the war saw the exodus of the Ashkenazim to diverse parts of the world. The native Sephardi population dwindled as well. Some left for the U.S., Brazil, Canada and Israel and mainland Portugal.

The older generation died off and many of the remaining younger ones intermarried with their Catholic neighbors at a very high rate. Today, there is one lone survivor on Sao Miguel who looks after the synagogue and cemetery properties.

The synagogue, Shaar Hashomayim, is more than 200 years old. We can see the remains of a once proud and beautiful institution behind the walls of a very ordinary and run-down exterior which does not announce to the visitor what is inside.

The wall clock has stopped, like a beating heart that gave out. Prayer books, taleisim and teffilim are still to be found there, but now are gathering dust and mold. The walls are painted a beautiful Mediterranean blue which contrasts with the dark-stained wood of the benches and the bima.

The aron still contains many ceremonial objects and a jug of olive oil for the lamps, as well as several Torahs. It is topped with a replica of the stone tablets of The Ten Commandments. In front are three large vases donated by a devoted member on the 2nd day of Heshvan 5658. There is an upstairs section which was the seating for the ladies.

While the sanctuary area is in reasonable shape, there are other areas in the building where the floor is unsafe to tread and the ceiling has gaping holes. In a side room stands the Chair of Elijah which was used for circumcisions.

Framed on the wall is a chart of the synagogue's founders with names like Bensaude, Buzaglo, Azulay, Zafrany and Abecassiz. The deserted facilities make one think of a place where time has stood still.

The Jewish cemetery is in an area now surrounded by factory buildings and enclosed by a wall that seals its view from passers-by. The monuments are mostly marble and are fixed horizontally instead of vertically as we see them in North America. Here, too, the grounds are barren and suffering from a lack of care and attention.

The workers in the nearby factories sometimes thoughtlessly hurl their empty beer cans and other debris down into the courtyard and every so often the garbage has to be cleaned out.

The remaining Jewish inhabitant has given much of his time and energy to preserve the heritage of his family and community. At one time he tried to interest the local government in declaring these properties historical monuments so that they would be properly cared for.

When this effort failed due to lack of funding, he turned to various people in the Jewish communities of Portugal and Brazil. Initially, he was only advised to sell off the items from the synagogue and close it down.

Recently however, a member of the communally active Bensaude family now in Portugal has come forward with an offer to see to the necessary repairs and maintenance.

Due to his consideration, it may be possible to preserve the Jewish history of this corner of the world not only for its former citizens, but for all the rest of us, for it is part of our legacy as well.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Barriers still exist

Challenges faced by Quebec Jews

DAVID ROME, historian at the National Archives of Canadian Jewish Congress in Montreal, discusses the cultural challenge faced by the Jewish community in Quebec's emerging society in this excerpt from a larger article in CJC's commemorative book, Pathways to the Present.

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A decade ago the Quebec Jewish community suddenly found itself in a condition which has not ended, just as Canada as a nation has not concluded the Quebec crisis.

In 1976 the elected government was clearly separatist, anti-English, loyal to a francophone patriotism, relying upon its own judicial perceptions, rejecting Anglo-Saxon traditions.

It suddenly imposed the French language upon the entire province; it called upon the population to subscribe to a new nationalistic patriotism which was quite unfamiliar to most Jews as it was to anglophones.

Would this new nation on North American soil also be anti-semitic or would it be pluralistic, tolerant? No one could tell at first, as the party was composed of many elements, loosely held together by a leadership not familiar to the Jewish citizenry.

The questions were many, the responses uncertain; the very suddenness of the crisis made it all the more severe. There had been no Jewish informational preparation within the community; no Jewish academic or political studies of this Quebec francophony; of its traditions, forces, ideologies, religious; personalities; little personal contacts.

The record of anti-semitism in the province from 1865 to 1950 was still fresh; the more recent trends were not widely known. Partisan relations had always been too loose, with one party, the Liberal, which was now virtually destroyed. Even its temporary leader, Claude Ryan, a militant friend of the Jews, seemed distant.

The major response was emigration from the province, to Ontario, the prairies, British Columbia and U.S. The consequences on the economic level were not catastrophic; in fact the migration was relatively voluntary, and the most mobile were the most directly affected. The destination was within the Canadian or anglophone orbit. The most painful phase was in the breakup of the extended family.

The ramifications of the migration are not clear. There was a Jewish population decline, virtually the first in continental Jewish history, with all the social and psychological consequences. Nor was this phenomenon to be totally attributed to the political changes.

The impact of the Pequiste revolution on the Jewish community, an element of larger anglophone and other populations, will not emerge for some time.

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EN PROCLAMANT DANS LE PAYS
LA LIBERTÉ POUR TOUS CEUX QUI L'HABITENT
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Seen at at the unveiling of a plaque in 1982 commemorating the 150th anniversary of the granting of equal rights to Jews are (from left) Frank Schlesinger, Bernard Finestone and former Quebec premier Rene Levesque. [Canadian Jewish Congress National Archives photo]

Remarkably, in all these polychromes the community has remained unanimous and has learned more intense confidence in its Jewish Congress than ever before. A remarkable thermometer of this condition is the quality of leadership that emerged in a new Congress structure during the past dozen years: Murray Spiegel, Edward Wolkove, Frank Schlesinger, Prof. Irwin Cotler and B. J. Finestone.

The decade has reaffirmed the specific character of its two centuries of tradition building. Even when not totally identifying with their non-Jewish neighbors, Quebec's Jews have also established on the continent's Jewish plane that Quebec is not just another province.

This has been demonstrated by the remarkable unanimity of Jewish reaction during the decade of crisis. Politically Jews remained solidly federalist, as both anglophone and francophone Jews rallied more firmly than ever around their own institutions and their policies. Even as they joined for religious services the sense of family support and difficult times was tangible.

This profound loyalty to the community was reflected in the intensified dedication to Jewish schooling. Remarkable in what was seen as an aging community, with some of its most valuable younger element leaving the province, education for intense Judaism remained virile with new school building to accommodate the children who were being provided with improved pedagogic technology and teaching resources.

Another loyalty that emerged more and more clearly during these difficult months was the appreciation of the particular Quebec life style.

What had been taken for granted for two centuries was seen now, under analysis and threat, as a particular, subtle culture, created by the blending of English, French and Jewish civilization. The Jews in Quebec found that they admired it deeply.

With the passage of time and a complex unrolling of political, economic and cultural developments, the province found a period of relaxation. The Jewish group is faced with long range complex cultural challenges for creative resolutions. These challenges cannot be evaded, especially by the younger members of our society.

The separate cultures and the barriers between them still exist, barriers that preserve the cultures but that make hostilities possible in the presence of intense dissatisfactions.

This is the fundamental history of the Quebec of today and of tomorrow in which the future of the mother-community of Canadian Jewry is at stake.

The decision-makers of this process are largely francophones who communicate and act in traditions, in semantics and in language born out of Quebec history, in keeping with its profound religious and cultural heritage.

Fortunately they speak in peace. Canada and its provinces face grave problems. But, as in the past, Canadian Jews can make a contribution. The Jewish society of Quebec has tremendous polyglot experience, long Quebec experience, its own English-French sectors, its own nationalist Zionist saga, its awareness of what the minority condition permits.

Its intellectuals can build bridges among the communities of the country. Its institutions can communicate with the entire population, as its general hospital and its welfare agencies already do.

Such credibility can permeate beyond the Quebec borders to indicate to the entire nation the legitimate problems of its peoples and the direction of their solutions.

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Making it known: the Jewish refugees

By
JEFF BLACK

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The fate of the Palestinians living in Israel's administered territories is the topic of many a debate and newspaper report, and yet one never hears about the Jewish refugees. A cursory glance at the history of the Middle East, however, shows how unfair and one-sided the usual media presentation really is.

In 1948, when the State of Israel was established, an estimated 856,000 Jews lived in Arab countries. Nearly 30 years later, only 25,850 remained, the majority having found refuge from Arab persecution in Israel. The number of Arab refugees (most of whom left their homes "temporarily" in the hope that when they returned, the Jewish state would have been annihilated by the invading Arab armies), numbered around the 600,000 figure.

The reason one does not read or hear about Jewish refugees is simply because the Jewish state absorbed these people into its midst, in spite of the fact that the young country was poor and lacking in natural resources and plagued by economic difficulties. Not only that, but the Jews who had been forced to leave Arab lands had no choice but to leave their public and private property, thus arriving in Israel without any means of their own.

As a result of this tremendous exodus, Israel's population doubled itself within three years and many new immigrants spent their initial period in Israel in transit camps (ma'abarot). These camps housed thousands of people, who were often crammed into a small space where shelter consisted of tin huts, tents, shacks made of cardboard or whatever materials were available. Despite the hardships, a solution to the Jewish refugee problem had been found.

Arab refugees, however, have not been so fortunate, for in spite of the fact that the number of Arabs who left their homes in 1948 comprised less than 2% of the total Arab population in the area, no Arab country came to their aid. The Arab leaders saw the political potential of maintaining the Palestinians as refugees and so no effort to help absorb these people was made.

As Ralph Galloway, the head of United Nations Relief and Works Agency said in 1958, "The Arab States do not want to solve the refugee problem. They want to keep it as an open sore, as an affront to the United Nations, and as a weapon against Israel. Arab leaders do not give a damn whether Arab refugees live or die."

Israel on the other hand accepted 108,000 Arabs back into her territory in 1948 while 50,000 others have since come to live in Israel under a Family Reunion Plan. In addition to this, Israel has so far allocated $120 million to improve the economy and social services of Palestinian Arabs living in the administered areas.

In order to counteract the misleading impression that only Arab refugees exist, and in order to defend the rights of former Jewish refugees, an organization named WOJAC (World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries) was established in November, 1975. During this time, the organization has published an impressive number of booklets and pamphlets, which provide accounts of the sufferings and torments of Jews from Arab countries, and how the price they had to pay for their freedom was abandonment of all their wealth and personal possessions.

In 1977, WOJAC's chairman of the board, Mordechai Ben-Porat, a former Israeli cabinet minister, addressed the UN General Assembly where he stressed that the refugee problem caused by the events of 1948 was not one-sided, and that in reality a de facto population exchange had occurred.

This has been recognized by many world leaders, including former American president Jimmy Carter. At a press conference in 1977 he said, "Of course the Palestinians have rights . . . naturally, there are also Jewish refugees . . . they have the same rights as others."

The former Jewish refugees from Arab countries, however, have never received compensation for property and possessions left behind, whereas Israel has freed accounts and safe deposits of the Arab refugees who left her territory in 1948.

WOJAC, in its short history, has already accomplished much in terms of bringing people's attention to the Jewish refugee problem. And just as world Jewry has united behind the plight of Soviet Jews, so too must it remember those Jews still captive in Arab lands.

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Now 2,500 at Ilan centre

Sports therapy pioneered in 48 war

Israel's world champion wheelchair basketball team receives congratulations from Pope John Paul II for its accomplishments during a recent tour of Italy.

RAMAT GAN — The use of sports for therapy in Israel traces its roots to Israel's War of Independence in 1948 in which many young men were seriously wounded and some permanently disabled. It was soon discovered that participation in some form of sports activity provided rehabilitation.

From that experience came the concept of using sports to rehabilitate youngsters suffering from polio which existed in Israel at that time. In 1961, starting with 200 youngsters, Ilan Sport Centre for the Disabled was born. Today, more than 2,500 engage in athletic activities at the centre in Ramat Gan.

Recognized as one of the world's leading sports rehabilitation centres, Ilan celebrated its 25th anniversary in June in ceremonies highlighted by the presence of Israel's President Chaim Herzog.

Through the years the centre has helped to rehabilitate more than 4,000 young people, the majority of them cerebral palsy victims, and prepared them to take active, meaningful roles in society.

However, as centre director Moshe Rashkes notes, "The number who leave the program each year is small; the number who enter is large."

Every year more than 2,500 youths, from age 3 up, come daily to the 4-acre sports complex after school and after work, eager to participate in any one of 18 different sports activities.

"The aim of Ilan Sport Centre," says Rashkes, "is to integrate the disabled into society, not to create a society of disabled people. We find sports the best way to achieve this goal."

A study by Ilan's medical director, Ralph Spiro, confirms the efficacy of sports for rehabilitation. Over a 3-year period he studied two control groups of disabled boys ages 10 to 14. One group participated in the sports program; the other did not.

At the end of the period, he compared the boys for physical condition and scholastic achievement. Not surprisingly, the boys who had participated in the sports program were found to be in better physical condition.

What was just as significant, however, was the finding that the sports participants also achieved higher grades in school.

Swimming is the most popular activity at the centre, followed by wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis, table tennis, fencing, weight lifting, light athletics, and track and field events.

Ilan has indoor and outdoor basketball courts, an outdoor track and field competition facilities, two wheelchair tennis courts and general exercise facilities. It is one of the largest wheelchair sports complexes in the world.

During the past 15 years the Israeli wheelchair basketball team, which trains at Ilan, has won five world championships, three world cups and three European wheelchair basketball championships.

Some of Ilan's athletes have gotten individual championship recognition in various sporting circles. Meet a few:

Baruch Hagai, 40, who serves as head coach at Ilan, was selected as the most outstanding basketball player of the decade at the Olympiad for the Physically Disabled in Holland in 1984.

Sasson Aharoni, 33, deputy chief coach at Ilan, is ex-world champion in wheelchair fencing and Israel's male fencing champion for 10 consecutive years.

Shaby Ben-Yoram, 26, senior tennis coach, has been Israel's wheelchair tennis champion for three consecutive years.

Batia Shwiki, 27, won an olympic medal and world championship in women's wheelchair basketball and a silver medal in women's wheelchair tennis doubles in 1985.

Surprisingly, the Ilan Sport Centre conducts what might best be described as a "lean operation." Its annual budget is less than $550,000, the bulk of which comes from individual contributions, and its full-time staff numbers only five. The remainder of the staff are volunteers.

More than $100,000 a year alone goes for replacement of the specially-built wheelchairs required for sports activities.

Contributions to the centre can be made to Friends of Ilan Sport Centre for Disabled, Inc., c/o Independence Mall East, Philadelphia 19106.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

At ROTEM, the Israel Plant Information Centre, computers store information on soil type, climate and blossoming periods of Israel's wild plants.

Israeli plant centre relies on computers

By
ROBERTA REBOLD

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— For those who view the computer as the steel-hearted symbol of technology, antithesis of all things green and natural, another look is in order. In Israel, at least, the computer doesn't necessarily represent an automated nightmare, but a tool for protection of the country's natural gifts.

ROTEM, the Israel Plant Information Centre uses computers for both conversation and education. The centre, born of a union between the Hebrew University and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, was encouraged by the university's director of development and research, Prof. Michael Ottolenghi, in order to acquaint Israelis with their native flora.

Housed south of Jerusalem at the Har Gilo Field Study Centre, ROTEM has introduced a diversity of activities, including computerization of about 200,000 plant records.

Reciprocality governs the relationship between Israel's wild flower watchers and ROTEM. An observant hiker or professional botanist may spot a plant he is unable to identify. He cuts and sends to ROTEM a small sample of the flower with a form indicating details on the plant.

Har Gilo Field Study Centre staff examine samples and uncover and inform senders of the mystery flower's identity. Next, they pass report forms on to the computer technicians who feed the information into a computer at the Hebrew University. Thus, the flower lover's curiosity is satisfied and ROTEM is provided with another entry to add to its growing stock.

This data base has become a valuable tool of nature conservationists who want to gauge the potential damage of a building project in a specific area. Conservationists simply punch into the computer the latitude and longitude of the area in question and receive a printoput containing an illustrated map of the site, its ecological composition and role in the country's environmental structure.

The system was employed effectively, says ROTEM Director Dr. Avi Shmida, to block the construction of a planned nuclear reactor near Ashkelon in 1982. "We won because of the biological-natural ecosystems found to be in the area," says Shmida.

Protect rare species

In the case of Har Hillel, conservationists weren't as successful. The Israel Defense Forces decided to turn Har Hillel, a neighboring summit of Har Meron, into an army camp. ROTEM opposed the plan, submitted a computerized ecological report to government officials and debate ensued. Today construction of the camp is well under way.

The computer is also used as a weapon against extinction of plant species. Rare and endangered plants are monitored and patterns exposed which alert conservationists to threatened flora.

Aside from conservational uses and environmental planning, the computer serves educational, recreational and purely scientific purposes. "If someone is planning to hike and wants to know what blossoms in a certain area at a certain time of year, all he has to do is contact us and request the information," says Avi Shmida, adding that the centre is equipped with data on all regions of Israel, especially the Galilee, Carmel and coastal plains.

As an aid to scientific classification and analysis, ROTEM's "Ecological Passport" stores information on 18 ecological variables, including soil type, climate and blossoming periods of Israel's wild plants.

The latest addition to ROTEM's roster of projects is geographic mapping by computer. A new program has enabled the computer to draw maps of specific regions, illustrating a wide range of data. Looking ahead, Shmida hopes to develop a geographic mapping program which will include such factors as climate and animal life in relation to flora.

"Our ultimate dream," he adds "is a program which will not only describe, but draw a picture of the flower itself." The botanist explains that, through slides stored within the computer, a student could receive an illustrated flower along with requested information.

During its five years of existence, ROTEM has, in addition to computerizing botanical information, initiated a variety of activities. Monthly field study days throughout Israel enable participants to learn about the flora of each region and examine endangered species and habitats.

Encouraging the use of native plants for landscaping purposes, ROTEM collects wildflower seeds. A series of wildflower gardens at various field study centres have been planted through the organization, which also provides workshops, botanical studies and lectures. ROTEM's "seed bank" of rare endangered plants serves as insurance against their disappearance.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Yiddish centre finds valued music folios

AMHERST, Mass. — The National Yiddish Book Centre in Amherst has recovered a treasure-trove of almost 85,000 folios of out-of-print Jewish music from a garage in Boro Park, Brooklyn, it has been announced.

The collection, which includes long out-of-print "hits" from the Yiddish theatre, songs of the Jewish pioneers in Israel, Yiddish folksongs and cantorial scores, is believed to represent the largest single inventory of Yiddish music anywhere in the world.

Virtually all of the music was published by Metro Music, a well-known music publisher on New York's Lower East Side. When Metro Music went out of business in the early 1970s, its entire unsold stock was purchased on speculation by a group of private investors.

The Metro Music building was eventually demolished, and the collection of sheet music was stored in a succession of New York City locations.

As it turned out, the investors were ahead of their time: widespread revival of interest in Yiddish culture had not yet begun in the early 1970s, and commercial outlets for the sale of Yiddish music were limited.

Eventually, ownership of the materials passed to Sidney Rimmer, a part-time cantor who works as a computer auditor for the City of New York.

Rimmer believed that preservation of the music was a mitzvah, a religious obligation, regardless of its commercial value. With the help of friends he cleared out the 2-car garage behind his home in Boro Park, a primarily chassidic section of Brooklyn.

There he erected second-hand steel shelving and carefully packed away the thousands of folios of sheet music, hoping that someday they would be of interest once again.

The materials remained in Rimmer's garage for the next 13 years. Occasionally local cantors would hear of the collection and come to Rimmer in search of a particular piece of liturgical music. For the most part, however, the existence of the 85,000 folios remained largely unknown.

In July of this year news of the treasure reached Rabbi Aryeh Gotlieb of Paramus, NJ. A long-time lover of both Yiddish and cantorial music, Gotlieb traveled to Boro Park to investigate. He took one look at Rimmer's garage and immediately recognized the historic significance of the long-lost collection.

Gotlieb in turn phoned Aaron Lansky, executive director of the National Yiddish Book Centre. The centre is a non-profit organization which has attracted worldwide attention for its campaign to rescue unwanted and discarded Yiddish books and return them to active use.

Lansky phoned Rimmer and arranged for the entire collection to be donated to the centre, where it could be properly stored and catalogued.

"This is one of the most extraordinary discoveries in the centre's history," said Lansky, adding that during the last seven years, it has found less than 200 folios of Yiddish sheet music.

"Until we actually saw Mr. Rimmer's garage, we were afraid that Yiddish music was lost forever. These 85,000 folios will be an incomparable boom to students, scholars and lovers of Jewish music around the world."

Workers at the Yiddish Book Centre are now sorting the music, entering titles and inventory into a computerized data base. Although cataloguing will not be completed for another two months, hundreds of titles have already been identified.

They include favorites from the Yiddish theatre such as "Romania, Romania," made famous by Aaron Lebedeff, "Reizele," "Rozhinkes mit mandlen (Raisins and Almonds)," and "A Yidish meydl darf a Yidishn boy (A Jewish Girl Needs a Jewish Boy)."

Other titles in the collection include work songs and ballads from the Jewish pioneers in the Land of Israel, songs by Yiddish writers such as Moyshe Nadir and Itzik Manger, Yiddish renditions of arias from Italian operas, and liturgical classics by many of the greatest cantors of Europe and the United States.

Although some of the folios are dusty from years of storage, all are new and unused and many remain in perfect condition in the publisher's original packaging.

The centre has announced plans to distribute thousands of duplicate copies of the sheet music at nominal cost to libraries, universities and the general public. A complete, annotated catalogue will be available free of charge in early November.

For further information, write: Paula Parsky, Bibliographer, National Yiddish Book Centre, Old East Street School, Amherst, Mass. 01004.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Wedding stirs past of Ashkenazi Shul

By
MYRON LOVE

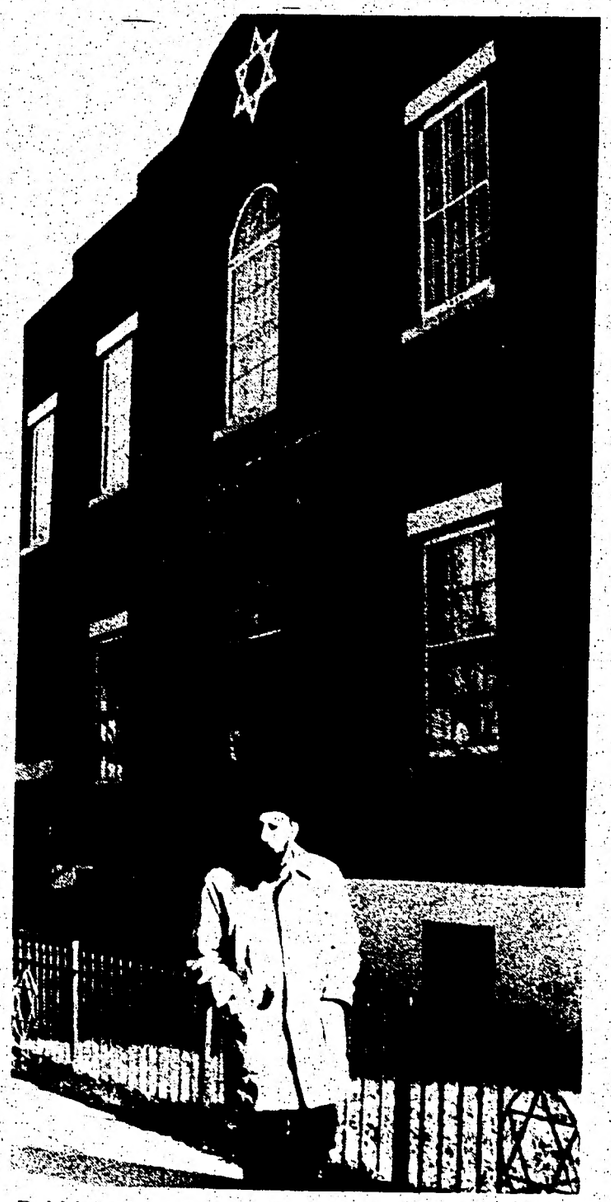
WINNIPEG — A wedding was held recently at Winnipeg's Ashkenazi Shul, the first time in almost 30 years the old building has echoed to the buzz and gaiety of a wedding party.

"We have had the occasional ceremony over the years," said long-time member Dave Silverberg, "but they have been small quiet affairs involving older people and second marriages, not like this. This was big and the couple were young. The bride and groom chose to be married here because their zeydes used to be members."

The red-brick Ashkenazi Shul in the heart of Winnipeg's old north end is the sole survivor of a bygone era. It is the only shul left in the city designed in the old style, with a women's balcony, a raised bima in the centre of the main room, long pews with backs and seats richly upholstered, book easels and drawers under the seats for tallesim.

Once upon a time, the neighborhood boasted 14 shuls, all within easy walking distance. The only other one still standing, the Lubavitcher on Magnus, three blocks away, is today a seldom used historic monument.

But the Ashkenazi still has its minyanim, day in and day out throughout the year. On Yom Tovim, daveners no longer have to fight for a place among the shul's 700 seats, but the numbers are still respectable.



Rabbi Avraham Altein outside the Ashkenazi Shul. [Dr. Yosel Minuk photo]

Enjoyed prominent position

The original congregation was started almost 65 years ago by Lithuanian immigrants and, in its heyday, the shul enjoyed a prominent position in the community.

In the 30s and 40s, Chief Rabbi Israel Kahanovitch often presided over services. From 1948-62, the shul's rabbi was Rabbi Abraham Kravetz and he was succeeded by Rabbi Irwin Witty. Both rabbis were outstanding educators and Talmud Torah-Joseph Wolinsky principals. The shul's current rabbi is Rabbi Avraham Altein, the leader of the city's Lubavitcher movement.

The present structure is the second Ashkenazi shul, built in 1948 to replace the original one that had burned down a few years before. "It was the 8th day of Pesach, 1944, when the fire struck," Ernie Silverberg recalled. "One member almost lost his life trying to save our sefer torahs. We met at the old Zionist hall on Redwood and Main until the new building was ready."

For its 50th anniversary, the shul had a big celebration — more than 800 people in the Marlborough Hotel's Skyview Ballroom with Rabbi Witty, now director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, as guest speaker.

The 60th anniversary was a much smaller affair reflecting the shul's reduced energy and straits. Still, due to the efforts of a few dedicated members, the Ashkenazi Shul lives on.

"Every day that we get a minyan, it's a miracle," said Ernie Silverberg. But get a minyan it almost always does.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Many examined roots

Writer lists 10 best Jewish books

By
LAWRENCE EPSTEIN

5746 was a year for taking stock in Jewish writing. Many of the best works of this year examined the roots of and influence on the Jewish present.

This mood of introspection has, oddly, not produced a large number of excellent novels to examine the emotional landscape lived in by those seeking current sense by examining the past.

Such an examination will no doubt lead to new directions and new ideas in next year's crop of Jewish books.

Here, then, is my list of the 10 Best Jewish Books of 5746:

Conflicts and Contradictions, by Meron Benvenisti. Villard.

The author is a former deputy mayor of Jerusalem. He has produced a controversial memoir and commentary on the relationship between Israeli Jews and Arabs in the administered territories. He suggests Israel is very close to being unable to return any of those territories.

Judaism, by Nicholas de Lange. Oxford University Press.

This is a tightly-written introduction to Judaism which emphasizes the essential unity that underlies the range of movements within the religion. The roots of many modern aspects of Judaism are explained with unusual clarity.

The Book of Abraham, by Marek Halter. Holt, Rinehart & Winston.

This, the best Jewish novel of the year, is the compressed history of a hundred generations of one Jewish family ranging from the destruction of the Second Temple to the Warsaw Ghetto. The characters are memorable, the scenes often searing, and the reader receives a riveting tour through the Jewish past.

From a Ruined Garden, edited by Jack Kugelmass and Jonathan Boyarin. Schocken.

After the Holocaust a large number of Memorial Books were compiled by emigrants and survivors from various towns and cities. This work consists of moving selections from those Books and, as such, constitutes a living monument to a vanished world.

Semites and Anti-Semites, by Bernard Lewis. Norton.

The author, an internationally-respected authority on Islam, argues that the Islamic religion is now infected with the same sort of anti-semitism that has been part of Christian history. This element, he argues, is a significant factor in understanding the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Beyond Belief, by Deborah Lipstadt. Free Press/Macmillan.

The way the American press reported the emergence of the Holocaust is detailed in this sometimes shocking, always fascinating study. Particularly vivid is material on cynical reporters and editors who simply couldn't believe in the reality and extent of Nazi evil.

Love and Tradition, by Egon Mayer. Plenum.

This book analyzes intermarriage as a struggle between the lure of romantic love and the pull of Jewish tradition. The numerous studies are given flesh by interesting interviews. One of Mayer's key sections deals with the conversion to Judaism by ever-increasing numbers, a phenomenon the author feels is quite beneficial to the Jewish community.

Terrorism: How the West Can Win, edited by Benjamin Netanyahu. Farar, Straus, Giroux.

Israel's ambassador to the United Nations has edited a significant work on a compelling subject. Various experts provide opinions that are then shaped into what constitutes a well-reasoned program for the West to combat terrorism.

The Siege, by Conor Cruise O'Brien. Simon & Schuster.

This history of the Zionist movement, emphasizing the siege under which Israeli Jews forged their country and still live with, is an extraordinary work. It is clearly and well-written, and provocative without being partisan. It is an excellent introductory book about Israel.

Joining the Club, by Dan A. Oren. Yale University Press. $29.95.

The college life of Jews at Yale is examined in this history. Focusing on prejudice and enrolment restrictions, the author provides a fascinating case history of American anti-semitism and how it was overcome.

WNS-Seven Arts

Geller takes principal post in Winnipeg

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — To Larry Geller, teaching is man's highest calling. "Mental development is second only to spiritual development," he said, "And, in order to achieve spiritual development, you have to develop the mind."

For 23 years, as teacher, journalist, poet and writer, Geller has traveled this country developing minds and giving light. Now, after 23 years, he has returned to Winnipeg with his family as the new principal of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education's North End elementary school program.

Larry Geller

Geller, who holds five degrees, has had a career which has taken him from remote Manitoba native communities to cities such as Ottawa and Vancouver. He has enjoyed them all and contributed his teaching and literary skills throughout.

In Ottawa in the mid-70s, for example, he was a frequent contributor to CBC radio on the subject of the English language, a science columnist for the Ottawa Citizen and a teacher for the Public Service Commission of Canada.

Elsewhere, he was active in a wide range of fields. While teaching in the Yukon, he served on the board of the Yukon Arts Council and wrote articles for the Yukon News.

In Vancouver, he was on the Board of the Vancouver Academy of Music and on the editorial board of UBC's Prism International while teaching at the university and working on a Master's degree in fine arts (creative writing).

In Thompson, a mining city in northern Manitoba where he has been teaching for the last three years, he was president of the Heritage Language Teachers' Association and a board member of the Multicultural Center. From 1972-79, he had a weekly column in the Winnipeg Free Press called Worldwise.

Geller is equally versed in Judaic studies and Judaism. He has studied with various teachers and rabbis, including Zalman Schacter, over the years, wherever the opportunities presented themselves. He has a degree from Mahon L'madrichie Chutz L'aretz in Jerusalem.

At the Talmud Torah/I.L. Peretz Folk School, Geller says he intends to try to inculcate students with positive attitudes to learning, love for the Judaic heritage and respect for scholars and scholarship, the Torah, the Hebrew and Yiddish languages and Jewish culture.

He would also like to expand the school's computer instruction program.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Only one of its kind in Israel

Hotel school teaches students art of hospitality

By
HELEN HILL

JERUSALEM (WZPS)—

A visitor to Israel some years ago told of the time he ordered a bottle of 7-Up from the hotel room service. It never arrived but the next morning he received a wakeup call — precisely at 7 o'clock.

In those days the euphoria of being in Israel was enough for visitors from abroad and less-than-perfect service in hotels was often overlooked. But times have changed and lack of polish no longer appeals to sophisticated travelers. Tourism is now a major industry in Israel and improved standards are on the itinerary of most hotels, with the emphasis on professional training.

The Avissar Hotel School at the Tadmor Hotel in Herzliya Pituach, is the only place of its kind in Israel and the starting point for a career in the world of hospitality. Sponsored by the ministry of tourism, the ministry of labor and social affairs and the Israeli Hotel Association, the school is attached to a commercial hotel so students can obtain on-the-job experience catering both to Israeli and foreign paying guests.

The school's instructors usually work in the hotel business, and are therefore able to keep the students up-to-date with trends in their hotels. Tadmor graduates are much sought after and several have already reached general manager level.

Director Alexander Suprun has a great deal of experience in the hotel business, both in the U.S. and in Israel. He's also a member of the board of the International Association of Hotel School Directors based in Lausanne, Switzerland and maintains contact with professionals at top hotel schools like Cornell, Florida International and Lausanne.

"We offer courses at different levels and are starting to train people at an earlier age," says Suprun. "We often take high school students from the age of 14. They train for three years and learn the trade both in the classroom and on the job, working as waiters, busboys and trainee kitchen staff.

"After the army they can then get a job straight away in one of the numerous hotels in Israel, where they receive further in-house training."

Courses such as reception, Restaurant and Catering and the Cooking last from four months to a year and are very popular with young people who have completed their 3-year army service.

The Housekeeping course attracts mainly married women hoping to start a new career in a hotel or institution. A unique aspect of the food courses focus on working in a kosher kitchen and techniques of kosher cooking as well as a special course on French cooking kosher style.

"Two years ago we introduced a professional Management Hospitality course that's proving very successful," adds Suprun. "Aimed at producing a new generation of Israeli hotel management staff, we have very demanding admission tests. Of course languages are all important and a working knowledge of at least one foreign language is essential. The management course lasts for two years and is recognized abroad. Many students later go on to complete their degree in hotel schools in the USA and Europe.

Gaby Katz, general manager of the Moriah Hotel in Jerusalem, graduated from Tadmor twenty years ago and went on to further training abroad. He's now chairman of the education and training committee of the Israel Hotel Association. "Hotels have improved enormously in Israel with more attention to detail and appearance, as well as service," says Katz.

Young people coming to work in hotels are different too. They're usually better educated, with more and more coming to us after having completed high school, the army and sometimes even university.

The Dan Hotel Chain, with eight hotels and over 2,000 employees, is the largest hotel group in Israel. It puts a great deal of effort and money into training staff and unlike other hotels in the country has full-time training officers. Haim Spiegel, training department manager for the group says that their current training budget at present is close to a quarter of a million dollars annually.

" 'We serve you in Style' is the Dan motto," explains Spiegel and we emphasize service at the 5-star level. We take untrained people with no hotel background and put them through intensive 15-week courses that transform them into professionals. Of course that is only the beginning and in-house training continues throughout their working life with every employee attending some kind of course during the year."

Entry to the Dan program is very competitive and potential staff undergo all kinds of psychometric and graphological tests to see if they are suitable for hotel management. The possibility of finding work in hotels like the King David, Jerusalem or the Dan, Tel Aviv, gives many the incentive for starting on a career in the hotel industry.

European-trained Dieter Geisthardt, general manager of the Tel Aviv Sheraton, who has a great deal of experience in managing top hotels abroad, emphasizes the importance of service: "We teach our staff to have patience and we emphasize the importance of good and polite service. There is no room for moodiness or rudeness in a hotel — one is expected to be polite and pleasant whilst giving prompt service."

Geisthardt is optimistic that the standard in Israeli hotels will continue to improve. "We need to give young people better opportunities and a professional education, as well as teaching them patience," he adds.

"Israelis are ambitious but they're also in too much of a hurry. They need time to mature and gain experience. In Europe, on the other hand, young people decide on a career in hotel management at an early age. They're prepared to work for low wages in order to get on the right career path and they often spend years training before reaching even the lower managerial levels."

In-service training is a continuous process at the Sheraton, which employs many university students as hotel staff with great success. The Tel Aviv hotel recently ran a 'Smile' campaign with the slogan "What a difference a smile makes."

Now following a proven formula from other Sheratons, staff are being encouraged to call guests by their names. "It's basic hospitality to make people feel at home," explains Geisthardt. "We want guests to feel like a person not just a number."

The hotel also gives staff a booklet with recommended phrases in English. It highlights some of the inherent problems in translation, for Hebrew is a direct, no-frills language which often sounds harsh. "Betach," which translates as an abrupt "of course," for example, which a waiter might use in answering a guest, is not as polite as "certainly sir or madam."

In Hebrew, "Ma" ("What!") is acceptable, but to English or North American guests it would sound rude. Staff, therefore, are advised to say "Excuse me sir," or "May I help you madam" in a softer more acceptable tone. Most Israelis are not brought up on automatic 'pleases and thank-yous,' so have to learn to use them when talking to the guests.

All in all, however, the outlook for the Israel Hotel Industry is hopeful and guests can be sure of getting the service they expect.

A chef's class at the Avissar Hotel School at the Tadmore Hotel in Herzliya Pituach.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Perseverance pays off for winemaker

NEW YORK —

For six generations the Herzog winery in Czechoslovakia was famous throughout Eastern Europe, and its prestigious consumers included Kaiser Franz Joseph.

In 1942, the family's prosperous business was interrupted when the Nazis invaded. After placing their children with sympathetic Gentile families for safekeeping, the Herzogs went into hiding for the duration of the war.

The Christian assigned by the Nazis to run the winery risked his life smuggling some of the profits back to Eugene Herzog to assist in the children's support.

After the war, the family reclaimed the business and began to build it back to what it had been. Their return was brief, however, for in 1948 the Communists took control of Czechoslovakia and all business was nationalized. Again the Herzogs were forced to flee — this time to the United States where they arrived with only $3,000.

In Europe Eugene Herzog had achieved an excellent reputation as a winemaker; here, he was a poor refugee. But winemaking was his business, so he took a job at a small wine company on New York's Lower East Side — a company so small that those who made the wine also bottled and delivered it.

The Royal Wine Co. couldn't afford to pay him wages, so Herzog was invited to become a partner in lieu of receiving a salary. His six children worked at the winery after school without pay.

Even after several years, the struggling little company was still unable to pay salaries, and the other partners gradually had to leave. But Herzog stuck with it, convinced he could make it profitable, and he managed to scrape together enough money to buy out the last remaining partner.

The turning point for the Royal Wine Co. — by then the Kedem Royal Wine Co. (the name means one who is ahead of another or number one, which was the goal) — came in 1957 when the family moved the business to Long Island. The company expanded and began to prosper there.

Kedem later split its operation, establishing a warehouse and distribution centre in Brooklyn, and moving its winery to Milton, NY, in the fertile Hudson Valley.

Today Kedem has a 30-acre farm in Milton with a new facility opening this spring in Marlboro and a 140-acre farm in Germantown. Additional needs are met by farmers in the Finger Lakes region who are under contract to the company.

In many ways, the term Kedem has become a reality. The Kedem Royal Wine Co. produces more varieties of wine than any single winemaker in the Hudson Valley region and more wine than all of them put together.

Not so many years ago, 80% of Kedem's total sales occurred during Passover. Today, only 35% of its sales occur during that time of year — which is not a reflection of any change in Passover sales, but of the enormous sales growth throughout the year of Kedem's other varieties.

Speaking of Passover wines, Kedem's current chairman Ernest Herzog (son of Eugene) says these products do not have to be sweet wine. "To tell the truth, I never had a bottle of sweet wine at my father's table until we came to the United States. In Europe we produced and drank only dry and semi-dry wines.

"That changed when we started producing wine here — because the most readily available grape was the native New York Concord. Wine made from the Concord had to be sweetened to offset the grape's naturally high acidic content."

Now, however, with so many fine hybrid grapes available, Kedem Passover wines include reds and whites of both dry and semi-dry varieties, Herzog says.

Included as well among Kedem's kosher for Passover selection are the Gamla, Montfort and Hebroni wines imported from Israel.

Evidence found in biblical struggle

TEL AVIV —

New archeological evidence of the struggle between Judah and Edom in the 6th century BCE has been found at an Edomite shrine at Horvat Qitmit, about 10 kilometres south of Arad in the Negev desert.

The site was discovered in 1979 by a survey team of the Tel Aviv University's Institute of Archeology, headed by Itzhaq Beit-Arieh, and excavated under his direction over the past two years.

According to Beit-Arieh, the shrine provides additional archeological evidence to support biblical references to the Edomite conquest of parts of Judah.

Edom is described in the Bible as the eternal enemy of Israel, and was conquered by King David, around the 10th century BCE. At the time of the destruction of the First Temple, Edom took advantage of Judah's weakness to seize control of the Negev.

Previous archeological finds testified to Edomite presence in Judah, but the unearthing of the shrine at Qitmit shows that the Edomites were actually well-established in the region.

Many cult objects, including incense burners and figures of clay were found in and around the 3-room rectangular structure that comprises the shrine.

Outstanding among these were the clay head of a goddess of fertility and war, wearing a 3-horned crown. It is the only clay statue of a deity of that period found in Israel to date and is presumed to be the goddess to whom the shrine was dedicated.

One of the small clay figurines found at an Edomite shrine at Qitmit in the Negev Desert.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Kipas, hats, spodiks, streimels...

Headcover subtleties suggest complex distinctions

By
LEAH ABRAMOWITZ

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — What you wear on your head and even when, is a better sociological gauge in Israel than your political inclination or philosophical viewpoint. For those who know, the size or color of a skullcap (kipa) or the turn of a hat band can indicate which rabbi you follow or the degree of your observance.

In Orthodox circles all males and married women cover their heads at all times. In some Oriental communities even unmarried girls over 8 or 9 cover their heads with kerchiefs. The exception in recent generations were the Jews of Germany and members of some North African communities who although strictly observant, were wont to walk about bareheaded, putting on a yarmulka or hat only to pray or say a blessing.

No stated reason for the necessity of men to cover their heads is given in the Torah, but the traditional explanation, gleaned from the Talmud (Tractate Shabbat), is that a head-covering perceptualizes for the individual a divine presence overhead at all times.

That is why Bnei Brak mothers will fasten a miniature kipa on a tot of 18 months to instill in him Yirat Shamayim (the awe of heaven) from his earliest days. Regardless of the historic development, it is now accepted that a Jewish male does not walk four paces without something — a hat, a skullcap or even a knotted handkerchief, on his head.

For a woman, uncovered hair is considered eryah (lack of modesty) and the requirement to shield any show of hair from male eyes, other than her husband's, stems from the laws of a Sotah, an unfaithful wife, in the book of Bamidbar (Numbers).

One Beit Yaakov teacher explained the underlying principle to her high school class this way: "A girl's hair is her pride and crowning glory. Just look how much time we all spend primping and fixing our hair in front of a mirror every time we go out. By reserving our most cherished external feature for the man we marry, exclusively, we show our dedication and devotion to the only one we now have to please."

A Baedeker's guide to the major styles displayed by members of different communities, sects and schools of thought in Israel today, takes us through exotic and traditional origins, some stemming from the stetls of 18th century Poland, some influenced by the Middle East or New World fads. The tour is both highly interesting and a faithful social indicator.

According to a Jerusalem journalist who has made a study of the subject, "A rule of thumb for the uninitiated may be that the less that is covered the more modern the wearer's perspective and the less strict his observance. Black, in hat or scarf is also a sign of strictness."

And indeed the Haredi (ultra-orthodox) population of Mea Shearim, Bnei Brak and elsewhere will favor black head coverings. On weekdays the men of most Ashkenazi congregations, whether hassidim or mitnagdim, wear black felt hats. Jews originating from Lithuania and the Lubavitcher hassidim favor the usual sized fedora while other Hassidim will wear wide-brimmed hats, either with high, rounded crowns, as the European styule, or low wide-brimmed velvet hats.

Vishnitz hassidim are the only hassidim whose hatband ties on the right side. In their vicinity in Eastern Europe, I was informed, the priests used to sport hats with bands that tied on the left.

Of course at home or at work hassidim will remove their black hats for more comfortable skullcaps of black or knitted white kipas. The latter are worn by the anti-state sect of Neturei Karta.

The women of Neturei Karta wear black head coverings too, often over shaven heads. It is the custom at their weddings (where the segregation between men and women is so strict that they celebrate in different rooms), for the bride and her closest female relatives to weep profusely before the chuppa. One explanation is her sadness over the loss of her maidenly hair, now to be shaven off completely. The women of Naturei Karta also wear black stockings and "reject modernity most stridently."

On Shabbat many hassidim sport elaborate fur hats, in winter and summer alike. The wide streimel, favored by Jews originating from Galicia or Romania (e.g. the Satmar, Erloy, Sanz, Belz, Vishnitz, Klozenberg, etc. chassidim), consists of 24 or more fur tails of sable, mink or fox which are still sometimes imported from Russia.

Hassidim originating from Poland, such as the Gur and Amshenov sects, wear the high fur spodik with a plush base which makes use of the whole animal, not just the tails. These fur hats cost between $500-$1,000 and are bought and carefully looked after by the bridegrooms. They are worn also on holidays and special occasions such as weddings or other family simchas. Some hassidim also have beautiful white streimels for the High Holidays. Hassidic boys of the Gur denominations wear, usually until they reach bar mitzvah age, black velvet, round pillboxes.

Ultra-orthodox women are less eclectic and colorful in their headstyles. Most wear scarfs which completely cover their hair. The Satmar women sometimes still wear turbans, as did German immigrant women 20-30 years ago. The Vishnitz Hassidot often have half wigs under their kerchiefs and many of the younger, more elegantly clad Haredi women prefer full, stylish wigs.

A variety of wigs, kippot and hats worn at a recent religious wedding in Jerusalem.

The subject of wigs as suitable hair coverings has been hotly debated throughout the generations. The sheitels, which clearly make women more attractive, were thought to defeat the purpose of modesty, but the rabbis have in most cases ruled that a peiyah (wig) which adequately does the job, i.e. covers the woman's natural hair, is permissible.

The Oriental communities had distinctive head coverings of their own. The Egyptian type fez was sported by the leaders of the Yishuv (even Ben-Gurion had one) at the beginning of the century in imitation of the style favored by young Arab nationalists of that period. The Bucharian and Persian men displayed beautifully embroidered cloth skullcaps and the Yemenite and North Africans wore tarbooshes or cloth turbans when they immigrated to Israel. Most have been abandoned, especially among the younger generation who, if traditional, prefer the hats and kipot of other Israeli groups.

The older Sephardi women, on the other hand, still wear their scarfs as in the old country, either tied around their heads in the Moroccan style, or in the back as worn in Syria, Lebanon and Yemen. Only those associated with Sephardi yeshivot favor hats and, lately, wigs in imitation of their Ashkenazi girlfriends.

The more modern, pro-Zionist elements, popularly called the "knitted kipah society," demonstrate differences in outlook by the dimensions of their skullcap. Those who wear soup-plate sized kipot are usually associated with Mercaz HaRav, the late Rabbi Kook's yeshiva. Wearing slightly smaller kipot, which still cover most of the man's head, are the Hesder Yeshiva students or graduates, who combine secular and religious studies with army service.

The wives of the aforementioned knitted skullcap society show more individuality in their style of headdress. Every few years other fad captures the market: silk, one-color scarfs over foam strips for elevation; scarfs that tie on the side of the head or are braided; two scarfs worn together for contrasting colors and this year, kerchiefs with silver or gold stitching. Among these women wigs are also making inroads.

The survey does not or cannot end here. There are too many exceptions and original trend setters who fit into the category. The vast number of baalei teshuva (newly religious) for example, now returning to their roots, both from the Diaspora and within Israel, are good examples of how any head covering from ancient Bucharan skullcaps to Spanish-style mantillas are being reinstated imaginatively.

Still, for the student of head styles and orientation, the above description may serve as an introduction to other aspects of Jewish life in Israel.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

British plundered, ransomed isle's Jews

By
GABRIEL LEVENSON

ORANJESTAD, Sint Eustatius —

More than two centuries ago, the USS Andrew Doria pulled into the harbor of this city in the Netherlands Antilles in the Caribbean — a passage that led to a tragic event in Jewish history.

In 1776, Oranjestad, on the island of Sint Eustatius, was the busiest port in the Caribbean. It enjoyed a favorable geographical position, surrounded by new French, Spanish, Danish and English colonies for which it was the principal trading centre.

A mile-long stretch of warehouses along the harbor of Oranjestad bulged, on the one hand, with sugar, rum, cotton, tobacco and the tropical products of the islands.

On the other hand, the port was equally busy with the distribution of finished products from Europe — not least of them illegal weapons and gunpowder (often hidden in rum and sugar barrels) for the 13 rebellious English colonies in North America.

Such was the volume of traffic in and out of Oranjestad that more than 3,000 ships would dock there annually. No landing would have more historic significance than that of the Andrew Doria, an armed brigantine, on Nov. 16, 1776.

The vessel flew the Great Union Flag at its masterhead, and Captain Isaiah Robinson ordered his cannons to fire a salute to announce his arrival.

In quick response, Governor Johannes De Graaff of Sint Eustatius commanded his gunners to return the salute.

This simple act of naval courtesy had enormous ramifications. De Graaff's gesture was the first formal recognition accorded the infant republic of the United States. If the Dutch governor did not then realize the implications of his act, the British were quick to take advantage of the incident.

They forced the Dutch government to recall De Graaff to the mother country to stand trial and then, not satisfied, found the pretext to declare war on the Netherlands.

But it was the Jews of Sint Eustatius who were most particularly victimized. They had settled on the island as early as the 1660s and prospered there as merchants.

By 1730 the Jewish colony (numbering less than 50) had been granted "freedom of worship and trade." The group had achieved such status that its male members were exempt from guard duty on the Sabbath.

With financial aid from the Curacao congregation of Mikve Israel and the gift of a Torah from the mother Spanish-Portuguese synagogue in Amsterdam, the settlers were able, eight years later, to build their own house of worship as well as a mikveh and a cemetery.

In assessing his plunder on Sint Eustatius, Rodney took special note of Jewish holdings. He had already obtained a list of all the island's merchants and their inventories.

When these were supplied, he singled out the approximately 250 Jewish men, had them searched and extorted from them a large ransom. One boatload of these victims was shipped to St. Kitts and another to Antigua (both British possessions), and their women and children were left destitute.

Neither the Jewish community nor the island itself ever recovered from the British invasion. There are no Jews left now living on Sint Eustatius (save for the co-owner of the Old Gin Hous, one of the three hotels there), but their former presence is noted by the carefully preserved ruins of the synagogue, the landscaped cemetery (its 18th century tombstones still clearly delineated) and a recently discovered mikveh.

The island's Historical Foundation maintains the Jewish sites in first-class condition and has organized walking tours of all the areas of historical interest.

De Graaff's residence has been converted into a fine, little museum, containing not only the artifacts of Dutch rule but also the evidence of pre-Columbian Indian civilization.

The island is resonant with history, but it is also a haven of tranquillity in a Caribbean archipelago increasingly filled with marinas, gambling casinos and shopping malls.

Tiny Sint Eustatius (half the area of Manhattan), with a population of 1,500, still has long, untouched stretches of beach, and there is an extinct volcano, the Quill, with a rain forest in its core.

Information on the island's facilities is available from the Sint Eustatius Tourist Office, 275 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10001.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Flexibility pays off

Kibbutzim fare better financially than moshavim

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM — Scarcely a day goes by without a noisy, even violent demonstration by hard-pressed Israeli farmers.

With many of them unable to pay back even the interest on loans they took in more prosperous years, they demand that the government bail them out. And to back up their demands, they have blocked roads, closed down village schools and — in at least one case — gone so far as to tear down the security fences which protect them from attack by Arab terrorists.

Yet not all the farmers with economic difficulties are out demonstrating: so far only the individualistic moshavniks — who till their own plots of land — have taken to the streets. Members of collectivistic kibbutzim, dozens of which are also in great need of outside assistance, nevertheless remain calmer and less vociferous.

This is because kibbutzim that are in trouble have two distinct advantages over moshavim in a similar situation. Firstly, the richer kibbutzim go all out to help the poorer ones, which doesn't happen to any significant extent with the moshav movement. Secondly, and more important, kibbutzim are far more flexible in the economic sphere than are moshavim.

Moshavniks, by and large, have limited themselves to agriculture, while kibbutzniks have gradually been mixing agriculture with industry. Today, in fact, they obtain 54% of their total income from industrial enterprises, a figure expected to reach 65 or 70% by the 90s. And while kibbutz factories have financing problems as well, their production nevertheless increased last year by 8%, their exports by 15%.

Thus, the kibbutzim, which make up less than 3% of the country's population, account for 7% of her industrial exports.

Where robotics are concerned, kibbutzim actually lead the way, possessing about half the total number of robots found in Israeli factories. The reason is clear, says Dov Dromi, director of the Robotics Division of the Kibbutz Industries Association. "Like the employees of Japanese firms, our people, in effect, are hired for life. Therefore, they are no more worried than their Japanese counterparts about being thrown out of work when robots are introduced.

Indeed, Drori adds, since kibbutzim can't compensate their members with a high salary for doing dull or dangerous jobs, they can best keep them happy by assigning such jobs, where practicable, to robots.

In recent years, kibbutzim have also developed service enterprises in an effort to balance their budgets. One can find kibbutzniks filming ads for television, running roadside kiosks and hosting tourists at settlement guest houses (of which there are now 21 with a total of 2,000 rooms).

The ministry of tourism is particularly interested in developing these guest houses, and for good reason. Overseas visitors who spend one or two nights at a kibbutz get more than just a bed and bathroom; they also have the opportunity to become acquainted with a uniquely Israeli way of life.

They are usually invited to visit the various kibbutz facilities, swim in the kibbutz pool and, sometimes, eat in the kibbutz dining hall. Now the tourism ministry has suggested that the settlements go one step further by presenting a certificate of "Honorary Membership" to tourists who stay at their guest houses.

Soon visitors from overseas (and Israelis too) will have an opportunity to become acquainted not only with the contemporary kibbutz, but also with that of 50 or 60 years ago. For a group of veteran settlers in the Valley of Jezreel are now creating an old-style model kibbutz in their area, one which will have the same type of structure, facilities and tools as those that existed then.

The $5 million project, to be named after the late Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and to be officially opened this year on the 100th anniversary of his birth, will be populated during the day by 35 to 40 "pioneers" who will wear the clothes and practise the lifestyle of kibbutzniks in the 20s.

Of course, the kibbutz of today is a far cry from that of the 20s. But if the moshav had undergone a similar metamorphosis over the years, presumably there would be far fewer demonstrations by desperate moshavniks today.

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TAU lab studies free-growing roots

TEL AVIV —

Roots grow in air, not earth, in a unique laboratory at Tel Aviv University's Botanical Gardens.

The root systems develop in an aeroponic chamber where they are intermittently sprayed with a mixture of water and nutrients. Because the roots are visible, and not buried in soil, botanists can study their structure, function and development more closely than ever before.

The new research facility, the Laboratoire Sarah Racine Pour L'Etude de Racines (Sarah Racine Laboratory for the Study of Roots) was made possible through a donation by Emmanuel and Sarah Racine. Mr. Racine was the founder of Israel's Delek Oil Co. and its director for many years.

According to Prof. Yoav Waisel, director of the Botanical Gardens, research on root physiology has long been a neglected area because of the difficulties involved in making continuous observations of root development.

The new laboratory will attempt to fill this gap with a number of research projects. The first of these will investigate the difference in structure between vertical and horizontal root systems, while another study is concerned with the effects of salinity on different roots within one root system.

The Racine Laboratory, inaugurated last May, is a 2-storey structure, whose upper floor resembles an ordinary greenhouse. The difference is that the plants — including olive and avocado trees, cotton, philodendren, oleander, palms and various vegetables — are set into holes through which the roots hang free into the aeroponic chamber that forms the lower storey.

There they are sprayed with a nutrient solution for about 10 seconds out of every minute.

The chamber is totally dark, with "light-tight" doors and blackout curtains. Two observation windows have been installed for public viewing. The laboratory's automatic cooling and humidifying systems include three back-up mechanisms to forestall possible failures in water supply and electricity, which could damage the plants.

Waisel is convinced that the laboratory will contribute to a deeper understanding of root physiology and ecology, and he is already planning to expand the present structure to make room for a section on aquatic plants.

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JERUSALEM (JCNS) —

The Samaritans are engaged in some desperate efforts at matchmaking to keep the small community in existence. There are 529 Samaritans living in the Nablus area of the West Bank and in Holon.

Their publication reports that, between 1970 and 1985, the community increased by only 28% and that a large percentage of the population consists of bachelors in need of brides. Perhaps because of some genetic reason, far more males than females are born. Some men have married Jewish women.

Out of the faith

The Samaritans believe in the Five Books of Moses and consider themselves to be descendants of the tribes of Ephraim and Menashe, so they claim to be Jews. They speak Hebrew. They have no objection to their sons marrying Jewish women. The rabbinate, on the other hand, regards such marriages as marriages out of the faith.

Nevertheless, relations between Jews and Samaritans are good, and the state does its best to help the community to maintain its faith and traditions. The second President of Israel, Itzhak Ben-Zvi, took a great interest in the Samaritans, and did his best to help them in any way he could.

In his time, the community was split in two halves, one in Israel and one in Jordanian-held territory, but was reunited after the Six Day War in 1967.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Foretold many technical innovations

Herzl proves to be an accurate futurologist

By
YITZCHAK DINUR

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Mark Twain's uncomplimentary description of the Holy Land in The Innocents Abroad, 1867, gave no indication that he thought that this primitive province of the Ottoman Empire might ever improve let alone become a modern country.

Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism, writing a science-fiction novel 35 years later, had quite a different opinion, even though the actual conditions in Palestine had not changed. Herzl has turned out a remarkably accurate social and technical futurologist.

In his book Altneuland (Old-New land), published in 1902, Herzl foretold the establishment of the Jewish state, at a time when the Jewish population of the Land of Israel was less than 20,000, and he correctly foretold many technical innovations long before they became a reality.

Herzl was a talented and well-known feature writer and foreign correspondent for a Viennese newspaper, based in Europe. A contemporary of H. G. Wells and Jules Verne, two writers who also forecast the future, Herzl avidly read the latter's technology-oriented futuristic novels, which appeared regularly once a year and were eagerly awaited by the French public.

Herzl's own futuristic theme was the revival of the Jewish nation in its own old-new land and the use of science and technology in the development of Eretz Israel. He develops this theme in his novel of two fin-de-siecle intellectuals (one of whom is a Viennese Jew like himself) who, disappointed with the world, retire to a well provisioned island away from it all.

On their way they see the Holy Land which they discover to be nothing more than a stagnant social and spiritual backwater. Twenty years later, on their way back to Europe, they find that the reborn Jewish state has transformed the country into a paradise.

Winston Churchill once remarked that while it is always wise to look ahead, it is difficult to look further than one can see. Today, professional futurologists working in technology forecasting are wary of predicting more than ten years ahead. Herzl looked ahead 20 years, and many of his technical predictions were actually fulfilled within that time.

Herzl claimed that his predictions for 1923 would be developed by Jewish industry and intelligence on the basis of ideas already extant. It is hard to decide whether he was hedging his prophecy with prudence or whether he really expected the Jewish state to be established within 20 years.

Scientists at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem managed to eradicate malaria just a little later than the time that Herzl predicted, and now the university's Kuvin Institute for Tropical and Infectious Diseases is helping fight resurgent malaria throughout the world. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (which he had called Zion University) was dedicated in 1918, though it was opened only in 1925.

As Herzl predicted, Israel's development has really been closely connected with hydraulic engineers, who first drained the swamps for Jewish settlements, then constructed underground pipelines to move the water, devised new irrigation methods, developed water reclaiming systems and are now tackling Israel's water shortage, resulting from several years of drought (which he did not foresee).

Herzl predicted that Haifa, because of its magnificent bay, would become the country's main port, a prediction that was proved correct in 1920.

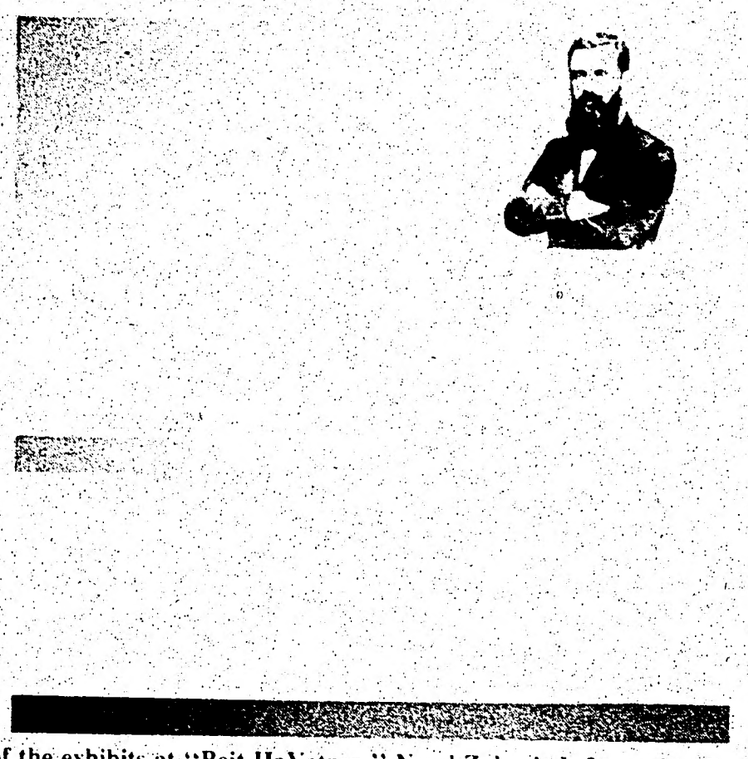
Uncannily, he correctly foretold the exploitation of the Dead Sea for its potash (which has been carried out since the late 20s by the Dead Sea Works) and the manufacture of other fertilizers, particularly phosphates. However, his oil prediction has turned out something of a will-o-the-wisp.

He believed that chemical industries would be among the first to be developed, but while the department of chemistry was the first to be established at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, actual chemical industries, apart from the Dead Sea Works, began springing up only after 1948.

Reforestation was carried out exactly as he said it would. It was and still is one of the main tasks of the Jewish National Fund, and is one of the outstanding features of Israel's development. Herzl could not have foretold the return of the date palm to Israel from 1955 onwards, as he was probably under the illusion that its cultivation had never ceased in the Land of Israel. But his expectation that Jews would export early vegetables and fruits to Europe has been overfulfilled.

Herzl's prediction of the Dead Sea Canal, designed to by-pass the Suez Canal and generate electricity, almost came into existence last year. Construction was actually begun, but was stopped because it was finally shown to be economically impractical. Yet it remains one of the most exciting of the many daring technical ideas proposed by Herzl in his futuristic book.

Considering that he was writing before futurology had developed methods of technology assessment, in fact before futurology and technology assessment existed as discipline at all, and that Herzl only had his general education and good sense to rely upon, his successful predictions were astonishing. He was also quite successful as a social forecaster, but that's another story.



One of the exhibits at "Beit HaYotzer," Nevel Zohar's Information Centre at the Dead Sea. The quote from Herzl's Altneuland describes how he envisaged the Dead Sea in years to come.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Foundation to test hi-tech in education

HERZLIA —

What was described as the most comprehensive report to date on the use of new technologies in Jewish education was released by the U.S.-based Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture at its recent biennial meeting here.

The foundation has decided to explore the potential of the "information revolution" to enhance Jewish education and will test the new technologies in areas in which it can have the greatest impact, says foundation president Philip M. Klutznick of Chicago.

The foundation commissioned Dr. Jacob Ukeles, noted educational consultant, to draw upon every possible resource in order to discover the Jewish educational potential of videocassettes, computer programs and audiocassettes and to recommend a strategy for the foundation in the use of these technologies.

In setting out the scope of the Jewish educational challenge, Ukeles notes, "There are approximately 1,325,000 Jewish children in the world outside of Israel. Of these, the majority receive little or no Jewish education.

"Only about one Jewish child in six receives a full-time Jewish education. Another one out of two receives some education, perhaps as little as a day a week in the years immediately preceding bar-mitzvah or bat mitzvah; the remainder receive none.

"At a cost of $3,000 per child to provide full-time Jewish education to almost all those receiving part-time education or none, the problem can be restated as a $3 billion problem (one million children at $3,000 a head). So cost-effective solutions to increasing Jewish education are highly desirable."

Among Ukeles' findings are these:

• Serious efforts at media utilization by Jewish schools are under way, somewhat fragmented and scattered, with problems both of quantity and quality — but the "potential is real and important."

• There are at least 30 Jewish education media centres across North America that disseminate material, provide technical assistance, publish newletters and catalogues and in a few instances actually produce audio and/or videotapes.

• The Jewish Media Service, the central Jewish organization that promotes educational media in Jewish communal life, has shifted focus from broadcast strategies to home videocassettes.

• Five target audiences represent the greatest potential of electronic media in Jewish education: 1) pre-school children at home in large communities; 2) post bar/bat mitzvah youth in high school in large communities; 3) informal study groups of mixed age in small communities; 4) Jewish communities in Eastern Europe, and 5) teachers and principals.

• The new technology is no alternative to Jewish education nor can it replace teachers.

• While there is no accurate estimate of the number of computers in Jewish schools, the utilization of computers in Jewish schools is "significant and increasing."

• The most promising target audiences for computer use in Jewish education, all in the Western world, are: 1) children in schools in the large to medium-size Jewish communities; 2) teenagers in supplementary school settings; 3) the teaching profession; 4) families in small communities.

Ukeles says the Memorial Foundation is in a unique position to provide leadership in this area because 1) it is international and the problem is international; 2) culture, education and the continuity of the Jewish people are at the core of its mission; and 3) it encompasses diverse ideologies within a unified approach."

He urges the foundation to "create a systematic agenda for action," one that would "place teachers at the heart of the effort, target both children and families, and involve new sources of creative talent."

Klutznick said that in response to the findings and recommendations of the report, the foundation will undertake technology-related programs in areas in which it can have impact; 1) dispersed Jewish communities; 2) continuing Jewish education; and 3) the Jewish family.

He said that the point of entry of the foundation into this area will be two-pronged: a) for Jewish families at home, using video, and b) for Jewish schools, utilizing audio and video to upgrade the skills of teachers and making new computer-related technology available to teachers and schools.

"The Memorial Foundation will provide unique leadership both in supporting and planning programs on a selective basis," Klutznik said. "Projects need to be carefully selected as their costs are quite high. Wherever possible, the foundation will leverage its resources by cooperating with other institutions.

Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, executive director of the foundation, announced that a catalogue will be developed by the foundation of existing Jewish audio and video materials and computer softwear.

For further information, contact the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 15 East 26th St., New York 10010; (212) 679-4074.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

David Zemans with Bolivian friends on Lake Titicaca in Bolivia, the highest navigable lake in the world.

CWY project steers Zemans to a career

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — An interest in political science and international relations has developed into a career goal for David Zemans as the result of his participation in the Canada World Youth program.

Zemans was one of 21 Canadians and 21 Bolivians who spent seven months living in Nova Scotia and Bolivia as part of the Canada World Youth program in 1985-86. CWY is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Canada International Development Agency which arranges exchanges between Canada and Third World countries. It is available to young people 17 to 20 from Canada and 32 other exchange countries.

"I know myself better"

Zemans told The Canadian Jewish News that while he was interested in political science and international relations before he left Toronto in July 1985, it was confirmed as a result of his travels.

"I know myself better and know I can have an impact on Third World countries," said Zemans, 20, who recently began studies at McGill University in Montreal. "There are a number of problems which exist in Bolivia. The largest being the lack of communication in times of crisis between the native Indians and city residents.

"I found myself playing intermediary," he added. "It was an overwhelming experience that will stay with me the rest of my life."

Leaving Toronto over two years ago, Zemans headed to Nova Scotia where he lived in the town of Wallase, population 300, for the first 3½ months. There he lived on a family farm and assisted in every facet of the operation including storing wood, bringing in hay, working in the community store and helping in the slaughterhouse.

As a result of the latter experience, Zemans said he is now a vegetarian.

Zemans said he found living in Nova Scotia a "fascinating way of life" that allowed him to learn more about Canada.

As well as learning about life in Eastern Canada, Zemans said he became good friends with his Bolivian counterpart who he lived with in Nova Scotia and Bolivia.

Zemans said found a great contrast to Canada in Bolivia including an inflation rate of 30,000%, high unemployment and numerous government turnovers in that country.

While in Bolivia, Zemans lived in the Andes, 30,000 feet above sea level in an area which suffers torrential rains half a year and drought the other half. There he lived with a family in a small hut and did "whatever work had to be done."

While over the culture shock which affected him upon returning to Canada, Zemans said he will always remember his time in South America.

Applications for the CWY program are accepted during November, December and January of each year with a deadline date in mid-January. For further information call (416) 922-0776.

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A Sherut Leumi volunteer helps a child with his lesson in a development town in southern Israel.

Many observant girls prefer service in Sherut Leumi

By BETTI LIPMAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Many Israelis resent the exemption from military service offered to religiously observant girls. The general feeling is that they are exploiting the halachic prohibition against women carrying weapons, wearing military uniform, being subject to orders of male commanders and living in close proximity to their male counterparts, using it as a pretext to shirk army service.

Many Orthodox young women, however, have opted to volunteer for Sherut Leumi (National Service — not to be confused with compulsory military service), which offers them an alternative that is compatible with their religious scruples.

Shira, a Sherut volunteer declares, "Just because we're exempt from military service on religious grounds, it's no excuse for not serving my country in some other parallel framework. I'd always been educated towards serving my country but I was afraid that as a soldier in the regular army, I might not be able to uphold my religious beliefs, so I chose Sherut Leumi.

"At present I am based in a development town, assisting educationally deprived children with their lessons, dealing with youth from broken homes and acting as liaison with the parents. Discipline's very strict, but I feel I've learned a lot and I am grateful for the experience I've gained," Shira adds.

Serving for a minimum of one year, often two and sometimes even more, in a voluntary capacity and under the auspices of the apolitical Association for Volunteers, these girls provide assistance and services that are lacking, in areas that would be neglected for want of suitable manpower.

The options available to Sherut Leumi volunteers cover a most comprehensive range of projects that testify to their growing involvement in every essential area of Israel's activities. They include educational and medical institutions; agricultural and news settlements; social services to disadvantaged families; integration of new immigrants and, most recently a new project whereby they are incorporated into the Police Force to detect fraud.

They have also begun to give lessons, in a variety of topics, to prisoners and even warders who wish to raise their educational standards, in specially established learning centres outside the prison walls.

The association, which administers and supervises the volunteer projects and activities, allows the girls to select both their own sphere of operation and the locality. "Sometimes," Dov Froman, the association's indefatigable director and founder, says with a twinkle, "the girls have romantic, preconceived notions of what they'll be doing and where they'll be going. So we give them a preliminary trial run, with a chance to either relocate or to adapt themselves to the reality of the situation."

Just how true that assessment was, I realized when I talked to some of the girls themselves. Tammy is one of 300 Sherut Leumi volunteers working in medical institutions around the country, where they have become indispensable to the staff.

Currently winding up her first year of service, she readily admits: "I'll never get used to that look of hopelessness and helplessness in the eyes of some of the patients, but at least I can do something to ease their suffering. I really do believe that were it not for my religious upbringing and faith, I'd not have the strength to withstand this daily confrontation with horror and tragedy."

Naomi chose to work in the Magen David Ambulance Corps where, for two years she has been helping to treat victims of terrorist action or assisting doctors in the special cardiac-care ambulance. On leave after attending to a group of soldiers severely injured in a recent grenade attack, she told me: I'd got to the point where I couldn't take it any more. I just wanted to quit. Then, we were called to resuscitate a 3-year old child. Two weeks later I saw him tearing around the park with the other kids and it just made up for everything. I'm signing on for another year when I get back!"

Sonia is a Russian immigrant, doing her service in the ministry of absorption, where she advises olim as to their rights, helps them find schools for their children and all in all assists in any way she can. "Sometimes it's difficult because, let's face it, my experience is limited, but I do occasionally have the feeling that I've converted some immigrants into full-fledged Israelis."

Inaugurated in 1971, and spanning only a few development towns, Sherut Leumi has greatly expanded with volunteers working in 120 regions throughout the country. Development towns are still the main focus for employment of Sherut Leumi girls, who are "adopted" by local families, most of them immigrants from North African countries.

Sharing their family life, with its beautiful, time-honored Oriental traditions, gives the young Sabra volunteers, especially those raised in an Ashkenazi environment, a deep understanding and appriciation of their customs and lifestyle and acts as a significant factor towards bridging the ethnic gap that is still one of Israel's major problems.

Sherut Leumi girls, for their part, complete the cultural exchange by providing assistance in households with large families and/or working as coordinators in youth clubs and economy centres, while others teach in schools and Adult Education programs. There they help the older generations, many of whom received no education in their countries of origin, to acquire basic reading and writing skills.

"You can't imagine their joy and sense of achievement," says 19-year old Miri enthusiastically, "when, after only a few lessons, they begin to make progress.

It is clear from Miri's remark that the volunteers are gaining a great deal in return for their contribution, something that the Association for Volunteers will be delighted to hear.

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Israeli turns desert into farmland

Navajos honor agronomist

NEW YORK (JTA) — Two years ago, American Navajo Indians doubted the promise of David Mazigh, an Israeli agronomist who said he could transform areas of the barren Painted Desert in Arizona into fertile stretches of farmland.

But Mazigh allayed the Navajos' disbelief by producing fields of corn, potatoes, melons and other fruits and vegetables on experimental farms across Navajo reservations in Arizona.

He earned their respect so much so that they named him Nihikaoojeeh, a Navajo word meaning "one who comes to help us," and insisted on honoring him at a farewell party last week on a Navajo farm he founded 60 miles northeast of Flagstaff.

Between 75 and 100 Navajos and dignitaries joined the celebration, including Peterson Zah, chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council, and Wilma Mankiller, principal chief of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. The feast featured samples of Mazigh's hard labor — onions, tomatoes, melons, squash, potatoes and corn — and the Navajos presented him with gifts.

"Mazigh was very special and was not afraid to dig into the earth with his hands," said Lois Roisman, executive director of the Washington-based Jewish Fund for Justice, a national Jewish foundation which funds efforts that promote social and economic justice in the United States.

"He worked from dawn till dusk, side by side with the Navajos, and they treated him like a brother," she added.

These impoverished American Indians extended their gratitude to Mazigh with turquoise Indian jewelry and a Navajo blanket. But the occasion was not completely joyous, as it marked the close of Mazigh's 2-year stay.

While Mazigh returns to his position in Israel as director of the Avdat Experimental Farm on the Sde Boker campus of Ben Gurion University of the Negev, his replacement, Ron Scherzer, a 36-year-old expert in field crops and fish pond culture, will move his family from Kibbutz Sde Boker to the Navajo Nation for two years.

Mazigh, originally from Tunisia and living in Israel some 30 years, parted as a friend of the Navajos. "Today I feel like an Indian," he told the JTA. In the first year working on the reservations, he was not accepted and it was only after testing the first zucchini that the Navajos considered the project a success.

When Mazigh first arrived in early 1985, he said that the Navajos didn't even know what Israel is. They could not understand why the Jewish people wanted to help them.

"I told them Jews believe you love other people as you love yourself. This is my religion," he explained. "I think they understood."

Mazigh introduced drip irrigation, the method used by Israelis in the Negev to utilize every scarce drop of water. When the Indians first saw the thin, plastic tubing, now covering a total of 240,000 feet, with holes every two feet from which a mixture of water and fertilizer is carried to the plant's roots, they nicknamed it "zhini baachee," meaning little black intestines.

During the first year, October 1984-85, 12 acres were planted on a pilot basis in three communities — Birdsprings, Leupp and Sandsprings — in the Little Colorado River Valley in northeastern Arizona. These communities had sought help from the Seventh Generation Fund, established in 1977 to assist tribal economic development.

Mazigh tested some 120 different varieties of fruits, vegetables and grains, including 14 varieties of watermelon, pineapple, papaya, avocado, pepper, cabbage, almond and his personal favorite, pistachios. He is know as the "pistachio king" in Israel for his success with the crop.

This year's project was expanded to 40 acres in five communities, working with 30 families. The crops have been narrowed down to corn, potatoes, squash and melons. "Our success was very important for these people who don't have much food," Mazigh said.

The idea of looking to Israel to aid the Navajos was the brainchild of Jacques Seronde, program director of the Seventh Generation Fund. "I was inspired by the book The Negev: Challenge of the Desert, by Michael Avenari," Seronde told JTA.

Seronde was impressed by how the Israelis conquered the Negev by using runoff water and envisioned success using similar methods in the arid region inhabited by the Navajos.

Seronde, who is married to an Indian woman and whose grandfather was the late Christian Herter, a former secretary of state in the Eisenhower administration, has lived and worked with the Navajos since 1970.

He traveled to the Negev in 1981 to study drip irrigation at Ben-Gurion University's Blaustein Institute for Desert Research, where he met Mazigh. When Seronde returned to Flagstaff, he convinced tribal and community officials to create the Navajo Experimental Farm Program.

Grants were obtained from the Jewish Fund for Justice and the Ford Foundation, and Mazigh, who was on sabbatical leave, was recruited. "What he brought was a big heart, a willingness to work hard and a great deal of technical and social knowledge," Seronde said.

The farms started by Mazigh are comparable to the Israeli moshav, according to Seronde. "It's a coprative village where families live independently and each works a plot of grond, but they cooperate for purchasing fertilizer, and tractors and in marketing produce," he added.

The success of the Israeli-modeled family agriculture has attracted the interest of Pueblo, Lakota, Shoshne, Hopi, and other Native Americans. The Seventh Generation Fund, Jewish Fund for Justice and Ben-Gurion University intend to expand the program further in 1986-87.

During the winter, Seronde hopes to be able to send native Americans to Israel because he believes it is "important for people here to see what has been done in Israel." He also plans to introduce Israeli expertise to fisheries in the north and livestock in the High Plains.

"The social and economic conditions are disastrous on reservations and I feel there is a good chance we can adapt the Israeli model to meet Native American needs," Seronde said.

He believes the Navajos and other American Indians are now willing to accept help from Jews and Israelis because they have presented a visible solution.

So far, Seronde has met his initial goals with the project. "The Israelis have added green to the palate of the Painted Desert," he said.

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A model "developing nation"

Israel makes huge strides

Hi-tech industries known worldwide

By YITZCHAK DINUR

JERUSALEM (WZPS)—

When Israel gained its independence in 1948, it found itself face-to-face with difficulties that no other newly independent country had to confront: from the outside, there were vicious attacks by seven well-armed neighbors; from within, a mass immigration which trebled the newborn nation's population and had to be fed, housed and employed.

With very few natural resources or local capital to exploit, Israel was forced to make the most of its unique advantages.

The Israel of 1948 had two small top-level institutions of higher education: the Technion in Haifa and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. It had a small local industry which, particularly during the war, had learned to improvise with flair, thanks to the native ingenuity and initiative of the Jewish community in Palestine. And it had the backing of the Jewish people throughout the world.

Today, Israel, with its reservoirs of talent has emerged as a model "developing nation." From the aspect of national debt, it is still classified as a Third World country. Yet Israel takes its stand among the world's advanced countries in the areas of scientific research, industrial innovation and production, and educational advancement.

Well-known are Israel's sophisticated high-tech industries, such as electronics, computers, pharmaceuticals and electro-optical equipment. So, too, is its highly developed, bountiful agriculture. Interestingly enough, however, it is the area of middle-level technology, not always in such glamorous spheres, which contributes no less to Israel's progress towards economic independence.

One example can be taken from Israel's national water carrier, which takes water from the country's rainy north to its arid south. The water carrier is the country's lifeline, and Israel's waste-water reclamation schemes are the largest in the Middle East. These national projects are beneficially supplemented by several small locally initiated schemes.

Several years ago, Nirim, a kibbutz in the Western Negev, built a flash-flood diversion project. It aimed to trap some of the water going to waste every year in flash floods in the intermittent (mostly dry) Besor River nearby. After building a dam to hold the water, Nirim sank bores to gather underground water from the "dry" fiver bed, further increasing their private water supply. Other settlements in the area are now imitating them.

To Nirim's luck, an oil prospecting company struck water instead of oil on another part of their land, so the kibbutz built another small reservoir for this too.

At the other end of Israel, Kfar Hanassi in the Galilee built a private pumping station near the Jordan River to supply water to irrigate land near the kibbutz. This land had been declared unreclaimable, but today is used to grow profitable crops. The land reclaimed by Kfar Hanassi has been transformed from a useless liability into an economic resource.

Now Kfar Hanassi has a plan to set up a small hydroelectric generating plant at a suitable site on the Jordan. Some of the electricity will be used by the kibbutz for its pumping schemes, and any surplus will be sold to the Israel Electric Corp. which is always ready to buy electricity from private developers.

In Israel's south, a sulphuric acid plant belonging to the Israel Chemicals Co. of Arad, created enormous amounts of high-pressure steam as a byproduct. Rather than waste the steam, the plant's management decided to use it to generate electricity, primarily for the plant's own use. This will bring about considerable savings in production costs, and surplus electricity will be saleable to the Electric Corp. here as well.

Mul-T-Lock is another Israeli middle-level technology success story. In 1972, a hardware salesman and an El Al repairman realized that there was demand for a 4-way door lock. After two months of hard work they succeeded in inventing a reliable 4-way lock, which was rapidly built up as a local Israeli company with resounding sales.

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These accounts illustrate only part of Israel's complex road to economic independence. Such initiatives on many levels, are moving the country toward a more self-reliant economy.

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Ben-Gurion University's Ron Goldbery displays tooth of ancient shark.

Giant shark's tooth helps confirm theory

BEERSHEBA — Dramatic evidence of the maritime past of Beersheba has been discovered by Ron Goldbery of the Geology Department of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

While Goldbery was touring the outskirts of the town in search of geological specimens, his trained eye glimpsed a light-colored, symmetrical object protruding from the rock.

Laboratory tests confirmed his informed guess that it was the tooth of a giant shark that lived in the region 5 million years ago. The tooth offers proof of the theory that the Mediterranean Sea once reached Beersheba and confirms that the water was very deep, since sharks do not live in shallow waters.

Australian-born Goldbery explains that about 6 million years ago, a network of rivers extended from the present-day development town of Dimona in the desert as far as Gaza in the west.

In that era the straits of Gibraltar closed up because of continental shift, the Mediterranean largely dried up and its bed was covered with a thick layer of salt.

With time, the beds of the inland rivers in the Negev eroded to the depth of the dried-up sea, creating a geological formation resembling the Grand Canyon.

This canyon reached a depth of some 300 meters at what is now the site of Ben-Gurion University. When the Straits of Gibraltar opened up again, says Goldbery, the Mediterranean waters rushed in to fill the canyon, creating fjords in a region which is now semi-arid.

Since the tooth is 14-centimeters long, scientists estimate that the shark, of the Carcharadon species (ancestor of the white shark), must have been at least 20 meters long, with a jaw-span of 1.80 meters.

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Researcher solves sesame problem

By
JAMES CHESKY

REHOVOT — Although "open sesame" were magic words in the ancient tales of the Arabian Nights, the way sesame plants actually open has been a curse for farmers since time immemorial.

One of the earliest domesticated crops, sesame has never undergone the natural mutation needed for maximum yield. Unlike peas and other pod crops, its seed capsules ripen at different times and split open as the plant matures, scattering most of the nutritious seeds to the winds.

An Israeli researcher is changing all that. Prof. Amram Ashri of the Hebrew University faculty of agriculture in Rehovot has created an artificially mutated plant on which all sesame seed capsules ripen at the same time. This allows the farmer to harvest the entire crop at once, just before the seed capsules are expected to open.

"I developed the mutation by mistake," explained Ashri, who is a consultant on sesame to the World Food Organization. "I fired gamma rays at hundreds of thousands of plants at Israel's Nahal Soreq nuclear reactor trying to produce a mutant with non-opening capsules. When I checked my plants, I discovered this mutant, which I think can revolutionize sesame growing.

"Under normal conditions, sesame harvest is labor-intensive, partly because the capsules ripen at different times. My plants can be harvested by combine because the seed capsules are more or less uniform. The plant also matures earlier, which means that it can be fit into a rotation cycle more easily."

In spite of the low yields, only 500 pounds to the acre, sesame seeds have been a good cash crop for thousands of years. The ancient Chinese burnt them to make ink. The Egyptians milled them into flour 5,000 years ago. Today, the sesame seed plant is used mainly for oil which is pressed out of the seeds. The residue is used as a high-protein cattle food. The seeds are also used in many delicacies for human beings.

They are ground into the Middle Eastern spread called tehina, which is a popularly eaten street food served inside pita bread with salad and humous, and they are used in the manufacture of the Turkish confectionary called halva.

The main producers of sesame today are developing nations in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and South America. The crop remains highly labor-intensive, since the plants must be uprooted by hand, dried and thrashed to harvest the seeds.

Ashri says that even countries with an abundance of cheap labor today have difficulty harvesting the crop. "It's not easy to mobilize a lot of manpower for a short period. Therefore, even developing countries could benefit from mechanization of the sesame harvest."

The researcher has already grown hundreds of thousands of first generation plants and is now working on the second generation. He has also sent seeds to researchers in Texas, India, Mexico and Venezuela. They all found that the mutation is genetically stable, in that it reproduces identically to the parent plant.

According to Ashri, its seeds are larger and more full of oil than nearly all other varieties. However, it is vulnerable to several diseases.

"I'm now in the process of crossing the plant with several other varieties that could supply resistance to soil and airborne diseases that affect the leaves and roots," Ashri explained. He is also crossing it with 103 other varieties of sesame from other areas of the world, to adapt the breakthrough to most countries.

Ashri says that it is too early to assess the increase in yield, since he has grown only one generation. However, he has found that the seeds are 20% larger than nearly every other known variety and are 50% richer in oil — which is a very high percentage. He also has found that since the growing season for his strain is shorter than for others, more plants can be sown per acre, further increasing production.

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Shabbat Yachad helping get Jews back together

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

There is considerable soul-searching going on in Israel these days with regard to the nature of Zionism, its historical goals, and the degree to which it may be regarded as having now outlived its usefulness as an organization or movement.

A weekend was devoted recently to such discussions by **Shabbat Yachad** (Sabbath Together), a group which periodically brings together Jews from various schools of thought for thoughtful deliberation on topics of contemporary interest.

At one session the talk veered to a review of the contentiousness which has developed in Israel — religious and secular, Ashkenazim and Sephardim, territorial maximalists and those advocating territorial compromise, not to speak of the many individual and political antagonisms. "Is this the ideal Jewish state?" some participants asked.

Yosef Bar Zion, an enthralling speaker from Kibbutz Reim, addressed himself to the subject with narration of a story — the kind of tale which more than anything illustrates the drama of life in Israel.

From time to time, he told, members of the kibbutz regale themselves with accounts of their past, of the days before they came to Israel, or of the reasons which brought them here.

One of the veteran members (I'll call him Yossi because I don't recall his name), described what he had gone through during the Holocaust, and of his attempts to reach Palestine aboard one of the small tubs which sought to run immigrants through the British blockade.

Their vessel was intercepted, but the concentration camp survivors did not want to give up without a struggle. The British warships came closer, and then for reasons which the Jews could not at first understand, the sailors turned water hoses on the refugees, who had gathered on deck, soaking them through and through.

The reason became obvious shortly, when tear gas bombs were hurled into the crowd. The fumes coming into contact with wet flesh caused extremely painful, even maddening irritation. The spirit of resistance was broken, and the would-be immigrants felt completely beaten, both in body and in spirit.

The circle of kibbutz members listening to the story was deathly quiet. Some of them had been through similar circumstances; others, from out of their own past, identified with the experiences.

Worse than the pain, the speaker went on, was the overwhelming feeling that they had been crushed, defeated, smashed. Their morale was zero.

At that moment of the very lowest ebb in their spirits, a boy dashed out of the crowd and climbed to the very top of the highest point on the ship's superstructure. He tore away the Panama flag, under which they had been sailing, reached into his pocket, and pulled out a home-made, makeshift blue and white banner with a 6-pointed star, which he tied in its place.

The breeze seized the penant, and it fluttered free. The mood of the crowd changed immediately, and the ecstatic refugees broke out into a rapturous rendition of Hatikvah. Forgotten was the pain and the defeat. In their flushed exultation they had risen over their feelings of abasement. Their spirits rode high once again.

"I shall never forget that moment as long as I live, and what it meant to us," the speaker continued. "I don't know what happened to that boy. Forty years have gone by, but if ever I meet him once again, I would embrace him with love and profound gratitude."

The stillness in the kibbutz chamber was broken as a hulking man in one corner rose to his feet. It was Shmuel, a member who had had an argument with Yossi some months earlier over use of a tractor. The two had not spoken to each other since, and had avoided any confrontation.

Shmuel came forward.

"Yossi," he said in a low voice, stretching out his arms, "Embrace me. I was that boy!"

New sprayer solves problem

KIBBUTZ DEGANIA BET, Israel —

Millions of dollars of field crops are ruined every year because sprayer systems tend to cover only the surface of dense foliage, leaving the interiors free for insects. But a kibbutz has now come up with a revolutionary sprayer system which it claims is able to penetrate to the very bottom of field crops.

"During the day, insects hide from the sun and heat on the bottom of leaves. If you want to kill them, you have to reach this part of the crop," says Ezra Hadar, the engineer behind Kibbutz Degania Bet's new Sleeve Boom Sprayer.

"So we decided to develop a new type of system with a built-in air blast that would force the spray right down to the bottom of the leaves where conventional sprayers can't reach."

The air blast system has been used for years to spray orchards, but it has never been applied successfully to field crops.

Produced by the kibbutz's farm machinery factory, Degania Sprayers, the new system is like a regular boom sprayer, but it has an inflatable nylon-like sleeve covering the length of the boom. Along the bottom of the sleeve are nozzles for the spray, as well as air outlets.

A powerful air blast creates strong turbulence which shakes the foliage vigorously, clearing a pathway for the spray. The spray, pushed by the air blast, penetrates through the layers of dense foliage right to the bottom of the ground — and then bounces back up, covering the otherwise inaccessible bottom half of the leaves.

The Sleeve Boom can be fitted to any elevated tractor and adjusted to suit the height of a given crop. "It works on crops up to three meters high and it's especially effective on dense, entangled crops," says Hadar. **"We've used it on cotton, peanuts, cereal grains and all kinds of vegetables."**

Because the spray is directed by a strong air blast, the Sleeve Boom has another advantage. It cuts down on the amount of spray that tends to be carried off with the wind. This not only saves on expensive chemical sprays, but can prevent the serious damage caused when sprays drift into undesired areas, such as fish ponds. "With our system the spray hits the mark," says Hadar.

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Volunteer groups battle tendency towards yerida

By BETTI LIPMAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

Two Jerusalem-based volunteer groups share a mutual concern in combating the growing tendency towards "yerida" (emigration from Israel). Operating at levels and in forums that differ from one another they are nonetheless covering the entire spectrum of disillusioned Israelis and immigrants who are either contemplating or already permanently residing abroad.

Of the two, STAY (Society To Arrest Yerida) is more narrow in its sphere of activities. Established 1½ years ago, its work is confined almost entirely to immigrants. Offering sympathy, encouragement and support, STAY hopes to provide renewed meaning to the waning enthusiasm and ideals of disillusioned immigrants.

Self-termed a "mutual resource and support group," STAY's social gatherings and discussion groups attract immigrants from a variety of backgrounds and cultures.

Rhoda Ellowitz, STAY's founder, believes that "life in Israel is intentionally more difficult than in the Diaspora. I won't change the minds of those who prefer to live abroad; I'd rather concentrate on those who want to stay, working together to make Israel a better place for all of us," she asserts.

"Some members come requiring help, others offer assistance." A classic example, she cites, is that of Elaine, sensitive, single and out of work who, influenced by a disgruntled family she met at STAY meetings, was ready, albeit unwillingly, to leave Israel.

STAY found her work and accommodation through their contacts and now, says Rhoda, "We feel she has a reasonable chance of making it." STAY's contacts are listed in a resource file that Rhoda has established, and funds come from them as well as from a Free Loan Fund established by a voluntary fund raiser.

Home hospitality for Shabbat and festivals is a very important aspect of the group's work, for helping immigrants cross the barrier and make contact with Israelis is half the battle in countering yerida. To this end STAY also organizes inter-cultural youth groups to encourage socializing between immigrant and Israeli youngsters.

ELI (the Hebrew acronym for Ezrachim Lem'niyat yerida — Citizens to Prevent Emigration) is an apolitical society founded in early 1981, with a countrywide membership comprising many well known and influential personalities. Cultivating contacts with Israelis living overseas and encouraging them to return, ELI acts as catalyst between the emigrants and government bodies, exerting unrelenting pressure on the latter to recognize yerida as an urgent national issue requiring immediate attention.

"This is a complex social trend that the government will have to face. It is a "cancer" eating its way through society, spreading as the economic situation deteriorates, and it is up to the government ministries to cure the sickness," contends ELI chairman and former Jewish Agency director-general Shmuel Lahis.

Lahis goes on to explain: "Recession and unemployment usually lead to yerida. Therefore yerida must be curbed at source: by providing low rental housing and employment opportunities to demobilized soldiers and young couples; by granting them loans and tax concessions and by strengthening Jewish-Zionist identity through education and media programs."

This reasoning reflects the guiding principles and motivation of ELI. It is what impelled Lahis to found the volunteer organization upon his return from a government-sponsored mission to examine the facts regarding the thousands of Israeli emigrants residing in the United States.

That direct confrontation with the situation in its true and perturbing dimensions was a devastating revelation for the director general of the Jewish Agency, as Lahis was then. He was horrified to see, amongst the young ex-Israelis, former senior IDF officers working for appallingly low pay, at anything that came their way.

Lack of cheap accommodation and employment compatible with their qualifications had compelled them to leave Israel in search of better opportunities. And now, having failed to realize their hopes, they are ashamed to return.

Another disturbing aspect of the emigrant scene for Lahis was that of the children of yordim. Attending regular public schools, where they receive no Jewish, Hebrew or Zionist education and with nothing to fortify their attachment to or pride in Jewish and Zionist tradition and values, their inevitable alienation and ultimate assimilation is a real and frightening prospect.

Convinced that the yordim — whose numbers he estimated at a half a million — were a top priority problem, Lahis recorded his findings, adding recommendations, in a comprehensive report submitted on his return to Israel. Unhappy with the reaction to his report and realizing that, in his position at the Jewish Agency, he would not be able to campaign for implementation of its proposals at government level, he chose to resign. He would carry on the struggle for recognition of yerida as a burning issue in the capacity of a private citizen.

Accordingly, Lahis invited a nucleus of public figures concerned over the urgent need to discourage yerida, to join in forming a society to that end and ELI was born. Its members began urging the government to act upon the threat of substantial increase in yerida. This resulted in the appointment of former deputy minister Dov Shilansky to head a central authority handling the prevention of yerida.

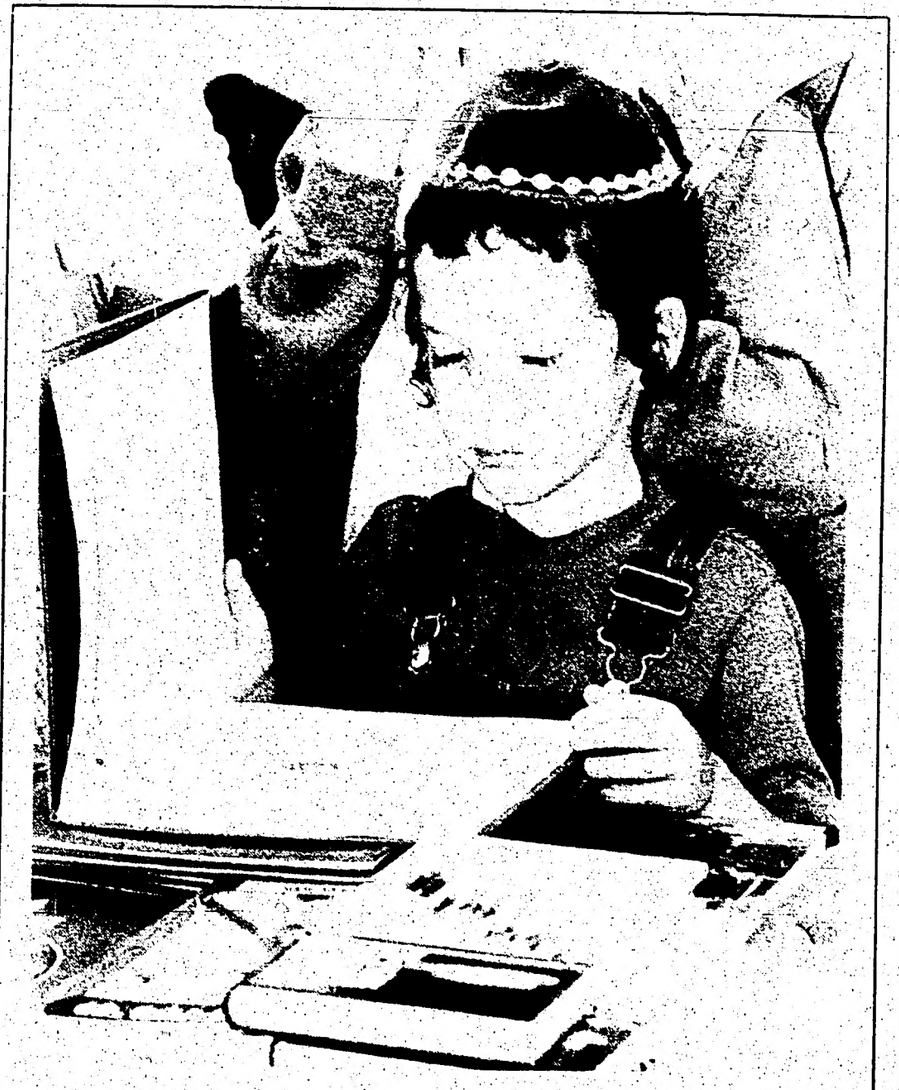
With the advent of the National Unity Government, Absorption Minister Yaacov Tzur was charged with that responsibility. ELI however, remains far from happy, claiming that Tzur's ministry is ignoring yerida statistics, "sweeping the problem under the carpet." ELI is countering with privately funded press ads designed to arouse public awareness.

ELI members also work constructively with those Israelis contemplating yerida, as well as assisting in the integration of returnees. This is facilitated by the wide sphere of contacts represented within the organization.

Lahis has proposed establishment of a national computer, linked to overseas Israeli consulates, in which the Israel ministry of labor and prospective employers could register job openings and list the necessasry requirements.

In a desperate attempt to reach IDF younsters and senior high school students before demoralization sets in, ELI members visit army bases and schools around the country, participating in educational activities designed to prevent yerida and strengthen Israeli roots. "I have a message for you," Lahis greets his audience. "The State of Israel belongs to you and it's your duty to look after it. Don't run away."

Both ELI and STAY, working with such dedication and intensity of purpose, may yet help to realize the prophetic hope that "Thy sons shall surely return to their borders." Perhaps they may even succeed in preventing their sons from leaving at all . . .



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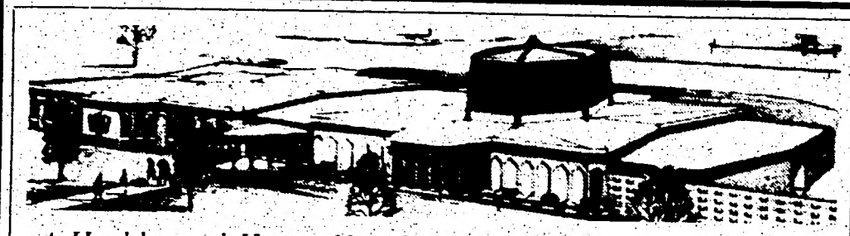

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Graduate of Jewish schools at Beijing U

Young New Yorker teaches Hebrew in China

By
THEODOR SCHUCHAT

BEIJING (JTA) —
The Department of Oriental Languages of Beijing University, China's premier institution here at the national capital, offers Japanese, Korean, Burmese, Thai, Mongolian, Arabic — and now, Modern Hebrew.

When the ministry of culture decided that Ivrit would be studied, some of the Chinese teachers of Arabic were expected to teach Hebrew also.

They had compiled a Chinese - English - Hebrew dictionary by cutting apart the columns of Reuben Alcalay's Hebrew-English dictionary, adding a column of Chinese characters, and photo-duplicating a dozen copies which were then bound in black cloth.

For some reason, though, an American was employed to inaugurate Hebrew-language instruction in the People's Republic of China. Michael Mann, a recent graduate of Princeton University where he majored in chemistry, had signed up to teach English for a year at Beijing University.

When university officials learned that he was a graduate of the SAR Hebrew Day School in The Bronx, New York, and the Ramaz Hebrew high school in Manhattan, they decided he would teach their first class in Ivrit.

When they told him, only two weeks before he was due to leave for China, Mann stuffed some World Zionist Organization teaching materials in his flight bag. He had never taught Hebrew before he went to China.

At Beijing University, Kita Alef, the beginners' class, started with 10 students. One young woman came to Kita Alef knowing some biblical Hebrew. She told Mann she had been taught by an old Chinese gentleman who himself had learned Hebrew from a Christian missionary in Xi'an many years before.

Otherwise, except for a few faculty members at Beijing and perhaps elsewhere, the Hebrew language is unknown among the Chinese, who number 1 billion, a fifth of the human race.

None of the students in Kita Alef comes from Kaifeng, traditional centre of the long-vanished community of Chinese Jews. They knew little or nothing about Jews, Judaism or the State of Israel when they started studying Ivrit.

Whatever these students may have learned earlier — in school or from the Chinese media, for example — was presented from the Arab and Third World viewpoint, in accordance with current Chinese foreign policy directives.

The Beijing students were assigned to major in Hebrew. Their class in Ivrit meets from 8 to 10 every morning, six days a week.

Kita Alef uses BeAl Pe, a standard Hebrew teaching text and workbook. Each student has taken a Hebrew name — Chana, Dan, Dinah, Gershom, Moshe, Shula, Tsiporah, Uzi, Yitzhak and Yosef.

They recite — reading aloud or practicing the dialogue of their textbook — shyly, giggling at their mistakes. In class, Mann speaks mainly in Hebrew, using the Ivrit beivrit method widely employed in Israel and elsewhere. He knows only a little Chinese. Words he cannot explain are looked up in the makeshift Chinese-English-Hebrew dictionary.

The Hebrew class meets in a small, bare room lacking the maps of Israel, posters and alphabet charts that typically adorn Hebrew classrooms elsewhere.

When I visited, Kita Alef was learning about Israeli pastimes — kadoor regel, hakolnoa, hateatron, football, the cinema, the theatre. "Musica" was discussed intensively, each student telling in Hebrew what he or she prefers to hear — "pop, classi, symphonit."

Then Kita Alef turned to the geography of Israel. They learned that Tel Aviv al yad hayam, Tel Aviv is beside the sea; haNegev b'darom shel Yisrael, the Negev is in Israel's south, and that haNegev hamidbar shel Yisrael, the Negev is Israel's desert.

Mann praised every utterance, frequently exclaiming nachon, correct, and tov meod, very good.

Four years from now, the graduates of Kita Alef will be assigned jobs by the Chinese government. The students have no idea where they will be sent or what work they will be told to do. If any of them dream of visiting Israel someday, they did not mention it to me or their teacher.

Mann is returning to the United States to enter medical school, but Hebrew classes will be continued at Beijing University. Why?

China has no diplomatic relations with Israel. When telecommunications links between the two countries were established recently, the Chinese foreign ministry specifically announced that this did not presage any change in China's non-recognition of Israel.

At least 15 million Moslems are believed to live in China, twice as many as when the Communists came to power 40 years ago, but statistics are not firm. Some estimates run as high as 50 million Chinese Moslems, which would equal the population of France.

Whatever their share of the nation's gigantic population, Chinese Moslems predominantly live in sensitive border areas; and fundamentalism is on the rise among them as it is throughout the Islamic world. The government issued the first Chinese-langauge Koran in 1982, perhaps in response to these facts.

Future Sino-Israeli relations are therefore as uncertain as the job prospects of Kita Alef. Unpredictable as the outlook may be, when I left Beijing on a Chinese government airliner, its tape recorder was playing a familiar song from Fiddler on the Roof, Sunrise, Sunset.

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Jerusalem art contest for children

JERUSALEM — Entries are invited for the Second International Competition of Children's Paintings of Jerusalem, the committee for celebrating the 20th anniversary of the reunification of Israel's capital city has announced.

Six foreign winners, together with a companion, will receive a return trip to Israel and a one week's stay in the country. The competition is open to children and groups aged 7-14 years from all nations. Entries will be accepted until March 15, 1987.

For a group painting a prize will be given to the school or institution.

Each child or group whose painting is chosen for the final exhibition will receive a certificate and an attractive album on Jerusalem.

The suggested topics are Jerusalem of Gold, Jerusalem, the Holy City, Me in Jerusalem, Heavenly Jerusalem, Jerusalem Today, Jerusalem in the Future, My Jerusalem and Jerusalem, City of Peace.

The rules for submissions are:

• Individual paintings should measure 50cm x 35cm and group paintings no more than 100cm x 70cm.

• Paintings should not be submitted in frames.

• The following information should be written, in the child's native language, on the back of each entry: name, age, full address, school attended, parents' name and home telephone number.

• On the back of a group painting, the following information should be written: name of the school or institution, name of the school/institution's director, full address and telephone number.

The competion is being held under the patronage of Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem, with the participation of the Israel ministries of education and culture, foreign affairs, and tourism, World Zionist Organization, Israel Museum, El Al Israel Airlines, the Government Coins and Medals Corp. and the Jerusalem Hotel Association.

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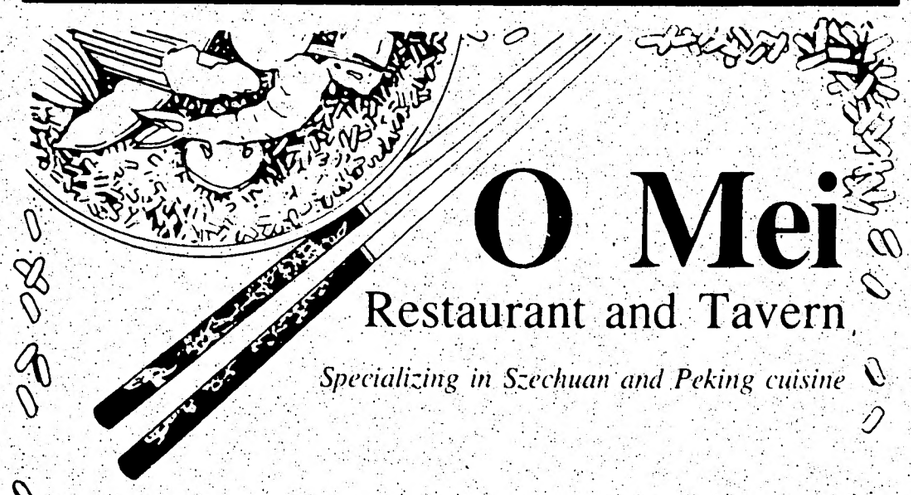
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Will help country maintain edge, says scientist

Israeli involvement urged in space technology

PROF. GIORA SHAVIV of the Technion's department of physics is a member of the steering committee of the Israel Space Agency, head of its research committee. Shaviv discusses the benefits of involvement in space research which he says is essential in promoting the growth of its high technology industry.

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Should a poor country with the economic, social, and political problems Israel faces become involved in space research, especially since any endeavor connected to space is extremely expensive?

If you want to abandon the dream of creating a super-modern state, however small, then it would be foolish to enter into such a scientific adventure. But if you consider the impact of space research and technology on almost every aspect of daily life, you conclude that, despite Israel's extremely limited finances and the host of problems it faces, it should at least put some effort into developing space technology.

Taking the first steps in this decision, Israel established the Israel Space Agency (ISA) some two years ago in order to find that particular niche in which our own industry could join that of other nations in space exploitation and experiments.

Several research projects are already under way in Israel. A laser station has been established at Bar-Giora. The station's powerful laser sends beams to statellites that monitor the distance from that station to the satellite. Monitoring distance as a function of time will provide information on certain fundamental problems in the region's geology. The station is operated by the Geological Institute in Holon.

The Technion has established the Norman and Helen Asher Space Research Centre, a joint effort of the departments of physics and aeronautical engineering, to promote and coordinate all the research carried out at the institute in this field. The Technion has been declared by the government to be the Israeli centre for academic space research.

Researchers are studying such aspects of space-connected technology as the motion of liquids under conditions similar to those found in space. In this research, we have adopted a method invented in astrophysics to simulate motions of astrophysical liquids. The research is sponsored by the Israeli Space Agency.

The Technion's involvement goes beyond this research. The ISA is to provide funding for the conversion of the Aeronautical Engineering Library into the National Centre for Information on Space Research. Additional activities are being planned.

Other Israeli universities have also become involved in space research. One such experiment, in cooperation with NASA, involves sending hornets into space. The way hornets build their nests suggests that they really feel gravity. It will therefore be intriguing to see how they react to space conditions.

The containers for the experiment are being designed by Israeli Aircraft Industries, which employs many Technion graduates. Another experiment involving crystalography — how materials condense in space with no gravity — is being designed by Israeli and West German scientists.

Just as Israeli industry cannot cover the entire high-technology spectum, it should find a certain "niche" in space research in which it can exploit capabilities and expertise. It is hoped that this will give Israel a chance to exchange information with countries specializing in different areas.

The Israel Space Agency is planning a symposium to discuss exactly how the Israeli industry can enter the space era. In choosing such a niche, Israel should concentrate on areas in which it has a relative edge. For example, Israeli industry is particularly strong in control systems. Moreover, Israeli expertise should lead to interaction with other researchers. This way, the fruits of other researchers' investigations will be available to us.

Other disciples including meteorology, defence and agriculture would benefit substantially from Israeli co-ownership with European countries of a meteorological satellite. If Israel joins the Europeans, for example, in producing a certain satellite, a percentage of the total cost will be reinvested in Israel through equipment orders to Israeli companies. Hence, if Israel collaborates with other communities, the dividend is access to the general pool of knowledge, and the net investment is very small.

The small European countries, for example, have joined forces and combined research. They are establishing their own fields of specialization, and they have created channels through which they can benefit from research done by the other countries participating in a project. If a country is not a member, it loses its chance of sharing the dividends acquired by others. Israel cannot afford to lose this chance.

Incidentally, the Arabs have purchased a satellite. This does not mean they have acquired technological know-how — although their advertisements in professional journals for academic staff and researchers indicate that they are clearly attempting to do so. We must be very careful not to lose our technological advantage in space research and application.

Another important factor in the American strategic Defense Initiative, more popularly known as Star Wars. Much research is going into this area. Again, it is a question of access to knowledge. The impact of Star Wars on both daily life and defence will be enormous, as has been that of the space program.

Many people think that space research is very far removed from daily life. However, satellite communication brings TV broadcasts from overseas into everybody's home, miniaturization provides much new equipment for daily use, etc. The best proof of the relevance of modern space research is that business is starting to get serious about it.

We foresee projects using systems in space to produce such ultra-pure biological substances as human hormones. Many pharmacutical companies are considering drug production in space, since certain drugs are probably cheaper to produce there.

An American company has signed an agreement with NASA to build the first two "space factories" in late 1989. The West German government committed almost $200 million to purchase two entire shuttle payloads for a series of industrial experiments. Japan has half a shuttle reserved and is discussing additional flights. The Japanese are even considering building an unmanned space factory that would be served regularly by the U.S. shuttle.

Clearly, therefore, if Israel is to maintain its technological edge, the jump into the space age is a necessity.

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ALBERT BAINERMAN, a member of the Ostovzter Society in Toronto, discusses Ostrowiec: A Memorial Book — "a tombstone on the unknown graves of 17,000 Ostovzter Jews . . ."

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In the pantheon of books about destroyed Jewish communities, there is a new memorial book, outstanding for its remarkable preservation of the life and destruction of the Jewish community of Ostrovtze.

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The children and grandchildren of the chassidic generation sat in the study halls of the synagogue of Ostrovtze. Each home had its own style, its own nigun and with its own manner of Torah reading. The city swayed to its own chassidic style of melodic humming.

Over it all reigned the great Tzaddik of Ostrovtze, Rabbi Yechiel Meior Ha Levi. His attachment and association with the many crises that rocked the rabbinic world was legendary. Thousands of chassidim streamed to the rabbi's residence.

The forests and woods around Ostrovtze echoed with the words of Yiddish and Hebrew songs, sung by the youths of all social classes and religious beliefs. These young hearts voiced their dreams of personal good fortune and their gleaming future for all mankind — songs which were bound with their Sabbaths and holidays — celebrated by both young and old in Jewish Ostrovtze.

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The book grabs the reader's attention: the memories, the articles and poems that encompass Ostrovtze's entire Jewish life. It contains a remarkably rich historical collection.

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Yisroel Aaron Friedenthal writes a portrayal of the liquidation of the Jewish population of Ostrovtze, which occurred on April 28, 1942.

He recalls that Ely Bainerman and Samson Fishman were led, absolutely naked, through the streets of Ostrovtze to the site of their execution. The same fate befell 81 martyrs, among them Abramshe Bainerman and Zypel and Dr. Vockalder.

But from this fiery hell, part of the community found its way to the forests around them and joined the partisans war against the Nazi evil.

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Yiddish weekend proves to be sheer delight

By
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"You don't have to be Jewish to like Stuehmer's Rye Bread" was the slogan a bakery devised some years ago to sell its product. Likewise, it can be said, "You don't have to speak Yiddish to perfection to enjoy a weekend with the Friends of Yiddish."

Eighty-nine persons (not counting two small children) participated in The Friends of Yiddish weekend at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, operated by the Jewish Camp Council and located in the Muskoka area. The experience for all was one of high excitement — almost one of euphoria.

The weekenders, who started arriving on a Friday afternoon, were a cross-section occupationally of Ontario's Jewish population — pharmacists, accountants, teachers, some lawyers, housewives, social workers, merchants, a meteorologist, chemists, sales personnel and entertainers.

They were in the main from Toronto but some came from Hamilton, Kingston and other centres. The ages ranged up to the late 70s.

All possessed one element in common, some tie — nostalgic, sentimental, historic, in some cases religious, in others literary — to the Yiddish language. Not that they could all command it with dexterity. Some could only understand but not speak. Others could articulate only some faulty phrases. Others were trippingly fluent. But it didn't really matter. All were equally welcome.

It was no assembly of rigid purists or language cranks. There were no house rules requiring the use of one language alone. The talks and the announcements were made in Yiddish or English at the discretion of the speaker.

Friday evening was ushered in with an Oneg Shabbat with zmires led by the noted composer and musical personality Srul Glick. The following morning all eyes were upon Aaron Lansky, the phenomenal yungerman who in the short span of seven years has established the National Yiddish Book Centre in Amherst, Mass.

The centre has undertaken and succeeded in the incredible task of salvaging hundreds of thousands of Yiddish books from the trash heap, renewed them and given them new dignity and new and useful life in many academic libraries through North America.

Lansky, a personable young man who is 31 but looks 19, is an American who "came north," studied at McGill, caught the Yiddish "bug" and has been infecting others with it ever since.

Lansky regaled the weekend with hilarious tales of his adventures in tracking down and saving the Yiddish *bukh* and *bikhele* from destruction. He is himself a great storyteller and one can see that his success in his project must be due in part to the charm of his infectious smile.

In the afternoon the group had the choice of listening to Chana Erlich, a graduate of the Vilna Lerer Seminar (Teachers Seminary) talk on the history of the Yiddish language or Srul Glick on Jewish music.

The second part of the afternoon was divided between this writer who delivered a talk on the eccentricities and foibles of the Yiddish journalists he had come across in his 40 years of community work and poet Peretz Miransky who provided an insight into Yiddish for beginners through its colorful expressions.

The evening was devoted to folkdancing led by Hy Diamond and a series of Yiddish skits performed by the Friends of Yiddish Players. The skits ranged in authorship from the classical writers of Peretz and Sholem Alechem to the Israeli comedy writer Dzigan.

Those participating included Michael Lebovic, Gloria Valentin, Allan Farkas, Hindy Abelson, Nat Garnick and Brina Rose (Brina incidentally is the current president of Fraint Fun Yiddish and should be credited with much of the organization for the weekend). There were readings by Peretz Miransky and Nat Garnick.

Garnick, incidentally, has devised a skilful technique of interweaving English into his readings which help to elucidate without affecting the spirit of the original. And, of course, there was a *gezang* with all the old favorites, finished off — at midnight, mind you — with a film "Raisins and Almonds" on the rise and fall of the Yiddish motion picture.

On Sunday morning Aaron Lansky proved he could be as lucid in his literary analysis as he can be amusing in telling of his adventures in book-saving. He developed a sharply drawn image of the basic distinction between the philosophy of Isaac Leib Peretz who set the pace and the mark of most Yiddish writing that came later and that of Isaac Bashevis Singer who stands apart from the mainstream of Yiddish literature.

Socially, it was a time for renewing "old acquaintances." There was one case of two men who had not seen each other since they were at the University of Toronto in the late 1930s, though both had lived in Toronto most of the intermittent 47 years.

And best of all, on a par with the cultural delights, was the gastronomic side. The guests simply were starry eyed at the achievements of the master-chef Jacques Perez for whom no meal was insignificant. (All the food served was under Congress hashgacha for kashrut.)

Aside from the perpetual question always asked at these conferences, "Does Yiddish have a future?," one fact was unquestionable — everyone enjoyed himself. On that score there was no debate.

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A young Israel Museum member shows off her latest creation.

Children explore world at museum

By
LILI EYLON

JERUSALEM —

The boisterous sounds of children are not coming from a playground; they are coming, strangely, from a museum building. What is normally a repository of the past where visitors whisper and gently point to venerable works of art, in this case, is abuzz with spirited bustle where children touch, dig, draw, sculpt, mold, act, dance — and learn.

The Ruth Youth Wing of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem is a place where youngsters not only explore the past, but participate actively in the world around them. And it is anything but quiet. "We never have activity for its own sake," says Ayala Gordon, chief curator of the Youth Wing. "The goal is to have the child understand things — and there are many ways to do it — mentally, emotionally, physically. We want the child to get a perspective on history and culture through the museum. And we want the child to feel good in the museum."

Israeli children must be receiving her message because one-third of the Israel Museum's members are children. This percentage includes some 1,500 classes of children from 200 Arab and Jewish schools which are guided annually through the museum as part of the school curriculum; 1,600 children attend once-a-week afternoon art classes in painting, sculpture, weaving, filmmaking, drama, dance, photography and archaeology in extracurricular activities.

And for those who find it difficult or impossible to come to the museum, the museum comes to them with traveling exhibits using models, reproductions, tapes and slides. Many of these young museum members, incidentally, come from homes where museum attendance was previously unheard of.

Also under the aegis of the Ruth Youth Wing are the programs at the Paley Art Center, named after William S. Paley, current chairman of CBS, specifically serving Arab children in East Jerusalem.

"When you stand before my works, don't get confused or frightened. Try to feel like a fan, like a bird, like a pipe. Let a camel walk inside you." So lectures Motti Mizrachi to a youth group; he is one of the artists in the "Meet an Israeli Artist" series, who for months came twice a week to talk about and demonstrate his work for young museum fans.

Another Israeli artist, Russian-born Irina Reichwarger, who makes life-size, delicately sewn dolls of cotton wool covered with cloth, tells the children: "At first, I thought of the dolls as an amusing hobby, but I soon discovered that through them I was able to express myself better."

Chava Epstein, who paints, sculpts, etches and writes children's stories, shows the children how she works with plasticine and wax, orlon and fabric to create characters such as Chu-Chu and Kish-Kish in what she calls "real-life situations which I turn into a legend or a dream." Her sculptures are part of a whole kingdom of images and stories she tells her listeners who later start working on similar materials, creating their own characters.

Some of the popular year-long exhibitions at the Youth Wing have included The Wonderful World of Paper, The Earth as the Raw Material of the Artist, Space and Illusion, The Land of Dolls, Touching, and, most recently, Construction in Jerusalem, where youngsters were able to see, touch and learn about old and modern buildings in the capital, and even recognized models of the neighbourhoods in which they live.

Minimum direction and maximum freedom are the rule; adventure and games the method, and themes are always concrete. When the subject under study is ancient Egypt, the children get busy making mummies or constructing their own pyramids; when it is Picasso's Guernica, they paint their impressions in a room fitted out in a cubist setting.

The first home of the Youth Wing was a packing crate which brought a shipment of 17th century Dutch furniture to the museum. The crate was painted, a doorway and windows cut and it became a "museum" for 10 to 12 children at a time who drew and viewed slides. The present building, opened formally in 1978, contains 10 classrooms, an auditorium, two exhibition areas, a library, a recycling area, storage room and offices.

No hallowed halls, these; no sanctuary of silence; rather, a living laboratory of youthful activity and education through pleasure.

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Enjoyed ambience of event

Beersheba festival pleases pianist

By
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JERUSALEM
(WZPS) —

"I met some fascinating people at the festival in Beersheba," says Liz Magnes, a jazz pianist who lives in Jerusalem. "I judge a festival by the people who perform and the people who attend the concerts . . . so it was clearly a success."

Like many of the musicians who participated in the recent International Women's Music Festival, Liz enjoyed the ambience of the event, which was dedicated to women performers and women's music. "There was a lovely low-key atmosphere when I performed," she says. "Several hundred people sat under the stars on the grass while I played selections of Oriental Jewish prayer music. Right in the middle of the concert, a man called out, 'Can you give us a little explanation?' "

She laughs at the recollection. "I might have been offended by such an interruption somewhere else, but the relaxed mood made it alright. Afterwards, I told the man about the origins of Oriental prayer music, and I explained how I have adapted some of the more special pieces.

"The music is beautiful and rich, and much of it has been passed from generation to generation since the Middle Ages. Through it I am able to share in the beauty of our religion. It is a very special link with our past."

Unlike many of the women who performed in Beersheba, Liz did not travel halfway around the world to attend. Her journey to Israel began many years ago when, as a child, she spent a year in Jerusalem while her father helped establish the psychiatric department at Hadassah Hospital. Liz then returned to the U.S., never dreaming that she would eventually settle in Jerusalem.

In 1968, divorced with a young son, Liz returned to Israel for a brief visit. "I met so many wonderful people," she recalls. "They kept saying, 'Why don't you come live here?' until I said, 'One of these days, I will. I promise you.' "

Her return to New York hastened the move. She arrived on the day that Robert Kennedy was killed and discovered that during her 3-week absence, a co-worker had been stabbed to death and a friend had been brutally raped and murdered. "I said to myself, 'When you were in Israel, you felt safe and secure. You come back here, and you can't even let your kid go out by himself. What are you doing here?' "

Liz answered that question by quitting her job, packing her belongings, and returning to Israel. "There was no question in my mind; I was coming forever. There was something very comforting, very secure about Israel."

Nearly 20 years later, married and with four children, the sense of security remains. Whether she is practicing at the Steinway in her living room, or performing live on national television, Liz feels completely at home in Israel and never loses her enthusiasm for new projects and challenges.

"I recently played for President Chaim Herzog," Liz recalls with obvious pleasure. "I also wrote a children's musical called Bravo, Mr. K'nafo. I've been appearing on TV more frequently, and I'm recording my second album."

Despite her local success, does Liz ever wish she had stayed in New York? "If you have something to offer," she says, "it's going to be heard or seen or read about wherever you are."

Choosing her words carefully, she contends that she could have stayed in New York and "made it" in American music circles, "if I wanted to devote every minute to my career." Instead, she enjoys the prominence she has achieved on Israel's jazz scene.

"The jazz musicians in Israel enjoy tremendous camaraderie, Liz notes, adding that visiting musicians often come to her home to prepare for local concerts.

Despite her love of the country and the professional success she has achieved, Liz does not deny that Israel has problems, but she compares the way she reacted to trouble in America with her response to trouble in Israel. When she became disillusioned with America, she decided to leave. In Israel, she says, "I feel we have to do something about it. If we want to make it work, we all have to take an active part.

After a long pause, she explains, "I want my children and my children's children to be here, to perpetuate the Jewish state. So we all have to do our part to make things better."

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